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Subject: REVISED - Letter of Intent to Fund
S.L. 2023-134 Appropriations Act Directed Project
Waxhaw Sanitary Sewer Replacement & Rehabilitation
DWI Project No.: SRP-W-134-0086

Dear Mr. Matthews:

The Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) has received your *Request for Funding* for the aforementioned project for up to \$1,477,500 from the Drinking Water/Wastewater State Reserve as established in Session Law (S.L.) 2023-134 and amended in S.L. 2024-1 (hereinafter referred to simply as S.L. 2023-134). Projects funded from the State Reserve must meet applicable State laws and guidance for expenditure of these funds. The following table shows total S.L. 2023-134 appropriations for your local government excluding the Department's administrative fee as amended in S.L. 2024-1, awarded projects and their funding amounts identified to date, and any remaining unobligated appropriations at the time of this letter.

S.L. 2023-134 Appropriations Act Approved Projects

S.L. 2023-134 Approved Projects for S.L. 2023-134 Section 12.2.(e) Line # 188b Appropriation		
Appropriated Funds Available for Projects (excluding administrative costs)		\$1,477,500
Project Name	Project Number	Maximum Funding Amount
Waxhaw Sanitary Sewer Replacement & Rehabilitation	SRP-W-134-0086	\$1,477,500
Total Appropriations requested		\$1,477,500
Total Appropriations remaining		\$0



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The first milestone for this project is the submittal of a bid-and-design package by **April 1, 2025**. Please note that this intent to fund is contingent on meeting **all** the following milestones:

Milestone	Milestone Date
Apply for all Necessary Permits*	ASAP
Bid-and-Design/Permit Package Submittal	April 1, 2025
Bid-and-Design Package Approval	August 1, 2025
Advertise Project, Receive Bids, Submit Bid Information, <u>and</u> Receive Authority to Award	December 1, 2025
Execute Construction Contract(s)	January 31, 2026

* Milestone dates only apply to the S.L. 2023-134 portion of funding.

**An engineering alternatives analysis (EAA) may be required on certain projects. See: <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-quality-permitting/npdes-wastewater/permitting-process>

The Division will consider milestone timeline modification including extensions provided that appropriate justification for granting extension is provided.

Environmental Review Requirements

The State Environmental Policy Act exempts projects funded by the State Reserve (such as this project) from state-mandated environmental review. Federal requirements may still apply. [North Carolina General Statute (NC G.S.) 113A-12.(2).(h)]

Permitting

The NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is committed to providing efficient permit processing for your S.L. 2023-134 project(s). To better serve you, we would appreciate your assistance in telling us the type of DEQ permit(s) you will need and the timeframe of permit application(s) submittal. Please complete the online form at the following link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/bb0d7d19b4024a548b8d1c97cdad0cd8>.

When applying for a permit(s), attach a copy of this letter to your permit application(s) and denote your DWI assigned project number on the permit application if asked. If you do not know the type of permit(s) your project may require, we offer a free permit assistance service to address any questions you may have about potential permitting requirements, pitfalls, fees, and timelines. If interested, please complete our online form at <https://deq.nc.gov/permits-rules/permit-assistance-and-guidance/permit-assistance-request-form>.

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Disbursement of Funds:

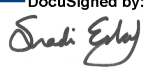
These funds will be disbursed to the local government unit after relevant costs are incurred by the local government and invoices are submitted to the Division. Up to 15% of the funds available for the project may be disbursed after costs are incurred during the pre-construction stage to cover design and planning costs. The remainder will be disbursed as invoices for incurred pre-construction and construction costs are submitted by the local government during construction, which may be submitted prior to or after paying the contractors for the incurred costs. Only costs eligible under NC G.S. 159G may be covered by these funds. Projects must be administered in accordance with all applicable federal law and guidance, as well as North Carolina statutes.

Electronic Document Submittal:

Recipients should submit all project documents via the supporting documentation submittal form located at <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/DW-Document-Upload-Form>. The use of this form provides more seamless document tracking, processing, filing, accessibility, and security via our electronic document repository, Laserfiche. The link and a list of frequently asked questions can also be accessed from the Division's I Have Funding page, <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-have-funding>.

Upon detailed review of the project during the funding process, it may be determined that portions of your project are not eligible for funding. If you have any questions concerning this matter or require general assistance, please contact the Division's project manager assigned to your project: Antonio V. Evans, P.E., either by telephone at 919.707.9168 or by e-mail at tony.evans@deq.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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