

Indian River County, Florida
Department of Utility Services
Board Memorandum

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To: Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

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Subject: North Sebastian Phase II Water and Sewer Project FDEP Cost-Share Funding Agreement (LPQ 0019) Time Extension

Background:

The Indian River County Department of Utility Services (IRCDUS) is undertaking a multi-phase Septic to Sewer (S2S) program to convert residential and commercial properties on septic systems to connect with the IRCDUS sewer network.

The North Sebastian Phase II Water and Sewer Project is a current project in this S2S program, consisting of approximately 200 parcels. It involves installing centralized water and sewer to certain properties off Roseland Road between 128th Court and 135th Lane, portions of Ercildoune Heights, and properties along Ruffner Lane.

In 2020, IRCDUS submitted a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Water Protection grant application for the North Sebastian Phase II Water and Sewer project. Indian River County was awarded \$3,250,000 after the original grant agreement and Amendment No.1 to LPQ 0019 were executed. It is the intent to use the FDEP grant of \$3,250,000 to cover a portion of water costs and the majority of sewer costs associated with the public-side infrastructure. IRCDUS has two other executed grants for this project: St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) grant up to \$1,346,517.00 for 33% of eligible costs, and an Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRLNEP) grant of \$204,017.69.

On April 20, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) awarded North Sebastian Phase II Water and Sewer Project to Centerline, Inc. The public infrastructure portion of the project is complete, and the project is now undergoing the private-side (customer) connections.

Discussion:

IRCDUS is seeking additional time to allow submittal of grant reimbursements after completion of the private-side connections. This time extension benefits IRCDUS as it will allow time to complete project closeout and assess the total costs for public-side construction and private-side connection before submittal of grant reimbursement.

On June 8, 2023, FDEP forwarded LPQ0019 Amendment 3 for execution, which will extend the grant deadline from September 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023. This time-extension adds no cost to the project.

Funding:

No funding is required for this item.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Director of Utility Services to sign the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement LPQ0019 Amendment 3 and all necessary documents in order to effectuate the grant time extension.

Attachments:

LPQ0019 Amendment 3