

2023-0359

**INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(GRANTS OFFICE)**

RESOLUTION NO. 6736

A resolution supporting the application for funding of the Water Meter Replacement Project – Phase V through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2023-2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Legislature House Bill 2 (Act No. 465) allocated \$140,000.00 per parish for the Community Water Enrichment Fund for fiscal year 2023-2024; and,

WHEREAS, residential water meter registers throughout the Parish are aging and in need of replacement, which is an activity that is eligible for assistance under the program; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish President and the Department of Waterworks requests the Parish Council's support for the application to have this recommended improvement partially funded through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2023-2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby approve and support the application for funding of the Water Meter Replacement Project – Phase V through the Louisiana Office of Community Development's FY 2023-2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said application and to act on behalf of St. Charles Parish in all matters pertaining to this project and subsequent grant award.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS,
DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-CORMIER
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of December, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: *Bob Billings*
SECRETARY: *Michelle Dupontato*
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: *December 19, 2023*
APPROVED : *✓* DISAPPROVED:

PARISH PRESIDENT: *Matthew Jewell*
RETD/SECRETARY: *December 19, 2023*
AT: *11:22am* RECD BY: *[Signature]*

NO. 2000872702

CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AND

SOURCE OF FUNDING - FY 2023-2024

State Appropriated Funds

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH GOVERNMENT

TYPE OF CONTRACT - FY 2023-2024 CWEF

FEDERAL EMPLOYER I.D. #72-6001208

AMOUNT OF CONTRACT - \$ 140,000.00

CWEF Format #1 (revised, 2011)

CWEF File # 2324-CWEF-STC-0001

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered into as of this 5th day of September, 2024

by and between the Division of Administration, hereinafter called "Division" represented by Traci Watts, Office of Community Development and the St. Charles Parish Government, hereinafter called "Contractor" represented by Matthew Jewell, President.

1. CONTRACT WITH CONTRACTOR: The Division hereby agrees to contract with the Contractor and the Contractor hereby agrees to perform the services under this agreement in accordance with CWEF/Division/applicable regulations to the establishing of programs and activities. All exhibits or regulations referred to in this contract or attached hereto are by reference made part of this contract.

2. DURATION OF CONTRACT: This contract shall be for a period commencing on the date entered above and ending not more than three years later.

3. RECORDS, REPORTS, AND EVALUATIONS: The Contractor agrees to prepare, retain, report and allow Division inspection for purposes of evaluation, records as may be required by the Division for program management purposes.

Upon completion of this contract, or if terminated earlier, all records, reports, worksheets or any other materials related to this contract shall become the property of the Division. All such books, records and other documents shall be available at the offices of the Contractor (except that books, records, and other documents of a Participating Party may be maintained at the offices of such Participating Party) for inspection, copying, audit and examination at all reasonable times by any duly authorized representative of the State, including the Legislative Auditor. Any duly authorized representative of the State shall, at all reasonable times, have access to all portions of the Project.

The rights of access and inspection provided in this paragraph shall continue until completion of all close-out procedures respecting this contract and until the final settlement and conclusion of all issues arising out of this contract. The records shall be kept for a minimum of three years from the date of final close-out.

4. AUDITS and/or FINANCIAL REPORTS: State requirements mandate that local governments and Parish Police Juries must still submit financial statements in compliance with financial and compliance audit requirements established by R.S. 24:513 through 514.

Failure to comply with all financial report requirements may cause loss of participation in this program and reimbursement of contract funds.

5. CHANGES: The Division may, from time to time, request changes in the scope of services of the Contractor to be performed hereunder. Such changes, including an increase or decrease in the amount of the Contractor's allocation, must be incorporated as written amendments to this contract. These changes may include the waiver of certain rules and regulations where the Division deems it appropriate.

6. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION FOR CAUSE OR CONVENIENCE: The Division may, after giving thirty (30) days written notice terminate this contract and payment in whole or part for convenience or cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) failure, for any reason, of the Contractor to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this contract, including compliance with approved programs and attached conditions, exhibits, and such statutes and Executive Orders as may become generally applicable at any time;
- (2) submission by the Contractor to the Division or its Auditors, of reports that are incorrect or incomplete in any material respect;
- (3) ineffective or improper use of funds provided under this contract;
- (4) suspension or termination of the program from the State Legislature to the Division, under which this contract is made, or the portion thereof delegated by this contract.

The Division, where appropriate, may suspend the contract or payment from time to time in lieu of termination based on reasons indicated above. There may be a suspension of payment when a term of the contract has not been resolved by the next payment request.

The Division may also assign and transfer this contract when required.

If the Contractor is unable or unwilling to comply with such additional conditions as may be lawfully applied to the grant received from the Division, the Contractor shall terminate the contract by giving reasonable written notice to the Division, signifying the effective date thereof. In the event of any termination, or suspension, all property and finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, and reports purchased or prepared by the Contractor under this contract shall become the property of the Division. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for any unreimbursed expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in satisfactory performance of the contract. Notwithstanding the above, the

Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the Division for damages sustained by the Division by virtue of any breach of the contract by the Contractor and the Division may withhold any reimbursement to the Contractor for the purposes of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due the Division from the Contractor is agreed upon or otherwise determined. The Division may authorize the Contractor to continue with its own funds for the project until a question is resolved with the understanding that a satisfactory resolution will cause the Division to reimburse funds.

7. PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSIGNMENT: Contractor shall not assign any interest in this agreement, and shall not transfer any interest in the same (whether by assignment or novation), without the prior written consent of the Division thereto, provided however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Contractor from the Division under this agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company or other financial institution without such prior written consent. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Division.

8. LEGAL AUTHORITY: The Contractor assures and guarantees that it possesses the legal authority, pursuant to any proper, appropriate and official motion, resolution or action passed or taken, giving the Contractor legal authority to enter into this agreement, receive funds, authorized by this agreement and to perform the services the Contractor has obligated itself to perform under this agreement.

9. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GUIDELINES: The Contractor hereby binds itself, certifies, and gives its assurance that it will comply with all applicable federal and State regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements, as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of state resources for the State assisted project.

The Contractor further agrees to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State federal, and local governments, including the State Ethics Law, Act 17 of 1996, Section 15C (which sets criteria for transfer of state appropriated funds), State Bid Laws, Local Government Assurances listed in the grant application(s), and all policies and guidelines of the CWEF program as established by the Office of Community Development.

The Contractor has obtained, or has reasonable assurances that it will obtain, all federal, State and local government approvals and reviews required by law to be obtained by the Contractor for the Project; and all Participating Parties have obtained, or the Contractor has reasonable assurances that such Participating Parties will obtain, all such approvals and reviews required by law to be obtained by the Participating Parties for the Project.

Contractor hereby agrees that the responsibility for payment of taxes from the funds thus received under this agreement and/or legislative appropriation shall be said Contractor's obligation and identified under tax identification number 72-6001208.

10. NONDISCRIMINATION: Contractor assures that it is in compliance with all applicable State Civil Rights Legislation and Executive Orders.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH APPROVED PROGRAM: All activities authorized by this agreement will be performed in accordance with the approved work program as described in the grant application(s), (including any amendments which have occurred), Exhibits A, B, and C, the grant conditions and relevant CWEF directives. If any activities authorized by this agreement are not performed in accordance with any part of this agreement or if unauthorized activities are performed, the DOA CWF Representative may require that any or all grant funds paid-out to Contractor be returned to the Division. Dollar amounts expended for each activity may not exceed those specified in Exhibit B. The release of funds for this contract is conditioned upon approval of the contract conditions listed in Exhibit A.

12. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST: The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency or other organization has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee. For breach or violation of this warrant the Division shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the contract or otherwise recover the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, or to seek such other remedies as legally may be available.

No member, officer, or employee of the Contractor, or its designees, or agents, no consultant, no member of the governing body of the Contractor or the locality in which the program is situated, and no other public official of the Contractor or such locality or localities, who exercises or has exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to the project during his or her tenure, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or subcontract, or the proceeds thereof, for work to be performed in connection with the Project or in any activity or benefit, which is part of this Project.

However, upon written request of the Contractor, the State may agree in writing to waive a conflict otherwise prohibited by this provision whenever there has been full public disclosure of the conflict of interest, and the State determines that undue hardship will result either to the Contractor or the person affected by applying the prohibition and that the granting of a waiver is in the public interest. No such request for waiver shall be made by Contractor which would, in any way, permit a violation of State or local law or any charter provision of the Contractor.

13. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT: In consideration of the various obligations undertaken by the Contractor pursuant to this contract, and in consideration of the obligations to be undertaken by Participating Parties, as represented by the Contractor in the Application, the State agrees, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, to provide the Contractor with contract funds in the amount of \$ 140,000.00.

14. FISCAL FUNDING: The continuation of this contract is contingent upon the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the contract by the legislature. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the contract, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the Governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the contract, the contract shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

15. REMEDIES FOR DEFAULT: Any claim or controversy arising out of this contract shall be resolved by the provisions of R.S. 39:1672.2 through 1674.4.

Incurring Costs for Project Activities

The use of grant funds is conditioned upon the Contractor incurring costs in accordance with this contract or as otherwise approved by the State in writing. The incurring of costs to be paid out of contract funds shall be governed by the following:

(1) No costs to be paid out of contract funds may be incurred by the Contractor or any Participating Party until the following conditions are met: (a) a written approval by the State is received of required documentation as specified in Paragraph 11 and Exhibit A of this contract, if any, and (b) written authorization from the State is received to draw funds.

(2) After the Contractor has satisfied all of the contract conditions specified in Paragraph 11 and Exhibit A and the State has transmitted a fully executed contract and released funds for the project activities, the Contractor and the Participating Parties may incur any and all eligible costs to be paid out of grant funds.

(3) If the Contractor's grant application(s) included other funds for the purpose of receiving rating points, include a firm letter of commitment with Exhibit A.

(4) All work under the terms of this contract must have been completed by midnight of that day occurring three years from the date of this contract. Any work taking place more than three years after the date of this contract will not be paid for out of the CWEF funds awarded in this contract unless

this contract has been amended with the approval of the Division of Administration. All lien contingencies must be liquidated ninety (90) days from contract termination date.

Procedures for Requisitioning Payments

There will be only one requisition per month allowed for all grants.

Unobligated funds remaining at the completion of the contract period specified on page 1, paragraph 2 of this contract shall revert to the State for reuse for other eligible projects.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement this 5th day of September, 2024.

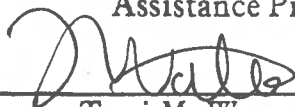
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TRACI WATTS, DIRECTOR,
Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant Program



CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

APPROVED
Division of Administration
Office of Community Development
Louisiana Local Government
Assistance Program
 9/5/24

Traci M. Watts, Director

Exhibit A

GENERAL INFORMATION, CONTRACT CONDITIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

1.	CWEF CONTRACT AMOUNT	2. OTHER FUNDS AMOUNT
	\$ 140,000.00	\$

3.	MAILING ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR
	St. Charles Parish Government P.O. Box 302 Hahnville, La 70057

4.	CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	5. PHONE
	Matthew Jewell	985-783-5165

6. CONTRACT CONDITIONS

Funds will not be released until the following items have been submitted to and approved in accordance with Program requirements by the State’s Office of Community Development.

- 1. Revisions to the application, if requested by the Office of Community Development.
- 2. Firm commitments for other project funds, if applicable.
- 3. Any other documentation, if requested.

Exhibit B

CWEF Line Item Budget

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EXHIBIT C

General Definitions

Unless specifically provided otherwise or the context otherwise requires, when used in this contract:

1. "Application" means the Application for CWEF Assistance.
2. "Contract Funds" means those funds to be provided by the State to Contractors pursuant to the terms of this contract, as specified in Exhibit A.
3. "Contractor" means the local government entity receiving contract funds pursuant to this contract, as more particularly identified on the cover page of this contract.
4. "Contractor Activities" means those activities of the Project to be carried out by the Contractor, or an agent or agency of the Contractor, which activities are described in Exhibit A of this contract.
5. "Eligible Costs" means costs for the activities specified and for which grant funds are budgeted as specified in Exhibit A of this contract, provided that such costs are not incurred in connection with any activity which may be from time to time amended, are ineligible under the CWEF Program.
6. "Final Approval Date" – The date that the contract is fully executed, all conditions listed in Exhibit A has been satisfied and the State has issued an authorization to the Contractor to proceed with the project activities.
7. "Incurred Costs" – Any monies expended on allowable expenditures relating to the application and/or contract.
8. "CWEF Program" means the Community Water Enrichment Fund grant program, established by the State pursuant to House Bill 926 – Act 513 of the 2008 Regular Legislative Session and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, R.S. 49:950.
9. "CWEF Regulations" means the regulations set forth in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 4, Part VII, Chapter 24, as the same may, from time to time, be amended and the regulations described in the CWEF Application Package.
10. "Project" means the activities described in the Application and in Exhibits A and B of this contract which are to be carried out to meet the objectives of the CWEF Program.
11. "State" means the State of Louisiana or any official of the State to whom the State has delegated authority to act with respect to matters covered by this Contract Agreement.
12. "Unobligated Funds" means all funds for which no liability exists at the expiration of the contract.