

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
DIVISION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Funding Offer and Acceptance

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| Legal Name and Address of Award Recipient | Project Number: | MRF-D-ARP-0009 |
| Orange Water and Sewer Authority 400 Jones Ferry Road Carrboro, NC 27510 | Recipient's UEID#: | NSGVC24WBEN1 |

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| Drinking Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wastewater <input type="checkbox"/> | Both <input type="checkbox"/> | Total Grant Offered |
| Distressed <input type="checkbox"/> | Not Distressed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| ARP Training Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| ARP Asset Inventory & Assessment Grant (AIA) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| ARP Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant (MRF) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | \$400,000 |

Project Description: Western Intake Partnership Regionalization Study

Total Financial Assistance Offer: **\$ 400,000**

**ARP-funded projects are exempt from both the grant fee and match requirements.*

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159G:

- The applicant is eligible under Federal and State law,
- The project is eligible under Federal and State law, and
- The project has been approved by the Department of Environmental Quality as having sufficient priority to receive financial assistance,

The Department of Environmental Quality, acting on behalf of the State of North Carolina, hereby offers the financial assistance described in this document.

For The State of North Carolina: **Shadi Eskaf, Director, Division of Water Infrastructure
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality**

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| <i>Stephanie Suter for Shadi Eskaf</i> | 4/13/2023 |
| Signature | Date |

On Behalf of: Orange Water and Sewer Authority
 Name of Representative in Resolution: Mr. Todd Taylor
 Title (Type or Print): Executive Director

I, the undersigned, being duly authorized to take such action, as evidenced by the attached CERTIFIED COPY OF AUTHORIZATION BY THE APPLICANT'S GOVERNING BODY, do hereby accept this Financial Award Offer and will comply with the Assurances and the Standard Conditions.

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| Signature | Date |
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STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR ARP GRANTS

1. Acceptance of this Funding Offer does not exempt the Recipient from complying with requirements stated in the U.S. Treasury's [Final Rule](#) for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and the [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#) not explicitly referred to in this document and any future requirements implemented by the U.S Treasury.
2. Acquisition of Real Property must comply with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (PL 92-646), as amended. The Recipient shall certify that it has or will have a fee simple or such other estate or interest in the site of the project, including necessary easements and rights-of-way, to assure undisturbed use and possession for the purpose of construction and operation for the estimated life of the project using a certification form provided by DEQ.
3. Specific MBE/WBE (DBE) forms and instructions are provided that are to be included in the contract specifications. These forms will assist with documenting positive efforts made by recipients, their consultants, and contractors to utilize disadvantaged businesses enterprises. Such efforts should allow DBEs the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for subagreements and subcontracts to be performed. Documentation of efforts made to utilize DBE firms must be maintained by all recipients, and construction contractors, and made available upon request.
4. Subrecipients shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 entitled, "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business with Other Persons," as implemented and supplemented by 2 CFR Part 1532. Recipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of 2 CFR Part 180, entitled "Covered Transactions," includes a term or condition requiring compliance with Subpart C. Recipient is responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term or condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Subrecipients may access suspension and debarment information at: <http://www.sam.gov>. This system allows subrecipients to perform searches determining whether an entity or individual is excluded from receiving Federal assistance.
5. Projects with a total cost of \$10,000,000 or more must meet U.S. Treasury requirements for prevailing wage rates, project labor agreements, and related requirements. Recipients can either certify meeting the requirements or provide plans and reports as the [SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#) specifies.
6. The Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327 gives minimum requirements for procurement, with 2 CFR 200.319(b) addressing engineering services procurement guidelines. ARP-funded projects must also adhere to North Carolina State law, specifically NC General Statute 143-64.31, Article 3D Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Surveying (A/E) Services. NCGS 143-64.32 cannot be used to exempt Recipients from a qualification-based selection for A/E. The State provides applicable certification forms that must be completed prior to receiving funds for any engineering services covered under this funding offer.
7. Local government units designated as distressed must complete associated requirements of statute §159G-45(b).
8. Funds made available by the ARP that are not disbursed to the entity accepting the funds in this document by December 31st, 2026, will no longer be available for the project. Unused Federal funds will revert from the State of North Carolina to the U.S. Treasury.

STANDARD ASSURANCES FOR MRF GRANTS

1. The Recipient acknowledges that no disbursements will be made until applicable service agreements or contracts are submitted. The description of work listed on invoices must be included in the scope of work shown on the agreements or contracts.
2. The Recipient is responsible for paying for ineligible project costs as determined by the Division.
3. The Recipient agrees to establish and maintain a financial management system that adequately accounts for revenues and expenditures. Adequate accounting and fiscal records will be maintained during the construction of the project and these records will be retained and made available for a period of at least three (3) years following completion of the project.
4. All ARP funds shall be expended solely for carrying out the approved project, and an audit shall be performed in accordance with G.S. 159-34. Partial disbursements will be made promptly upon request, subject to adequate documentation of incurred eligible costs, and subject to the Recipient’s compliance with the Standard Conditions and Assurances of this Award. The Recipient agrees to make prompt payment to its contractor, and to retain only such amount as allowed by North Carolina General Statute. Requests for reimbursement must be made using the Division’s reimbursement form.
5. All funds provided pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159G must be expended solely for carrying out the approved project, and an audit shall be performed in accordance with G.S. 159-34, as amended. **The Recipient must expend all of the requisitioned funds for the purpose of paying the costs of the project within three (3) banking days following the receipt of the funds from the State.** Please note that the State is not a party to any contract(s) and the Recipient is expected to uphold its contract obligations regarding timely payment.
6. The Recipient must provide summaries of project progress every other month during the project or as otherwise directed by the Division.
7. The Recipient must provide a digital copy of the final report in a universally readable format including GIS shape files as applicable.
8. The Recipient must provide an executive level summary of the work performed, any conclusions made, and the next steps to be taken as a result of this work.
9. The Recipient must provide approved minutes or a resolution confirming the final report has been presented to the recipient’s governing board.
10. A maximum of 95% of the grant will be paid prior to receipt of the documentation described in Standard Assurance Nos. 7, 8, and 9. After receipt of this documentation, the final reimbursement request will be processed.

Acknowledgement of Standard Conditions and Assurances

The Recipient hereby gives assurance to the Department of Environmental Quality that the declarations, assurances, representations, and statements made by the Applicant in the Application; and all documents, amendments, and communications filed with the Department of Environmental Quality by the Applicant in support of its request for financial assistance will be fulfilled.

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Signature

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Date