



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
W-15J

Mr. Paul McDonald
Director, Finance Division
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
525 West Allegan Street Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Subject: Michigan Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) – Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Grant, EPA award number FS00E02091

This letter is intended to express our continued concern at the pace at which the City of Flint is implementing projects under the WIIN DWSRF grant FS00E02091. The project period for this grant ends December 31, 2023, and there is concern in the ability of the City to complete and request reimbursement for eligible projects to draw down the remaining funding. Project costs incurred outside the project period are not eligible for reimbursement.

Within 60 days of receipt of this letter we are requesting a letter from the City through MI EGLE that includes:

- Status of projects funded under the grant (indicating completed or in progress with completion dates)
- If projects are not completed, the reason behind the delays and steps being taken to address these delays
- Confirmation of projects that have completed requests for reimbursement
- Remaining balances on the projects that the City expects to request for reimbursement and the schedule to provide those requests to MI EGLE

If with the above information there are remaining funds then the City is to provide:

- Projects already completed that may be eligible for reimbursement
- Projects to be added and funded under this grant to be completed by December 31, 2023
- Schedules for completion of these projects
- Budgets associated with each project

In December 2016, Congress passed and President Obama signed legislation authorizing and appropriating \$100 million in disaster-related supplemental Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) capitalization grants under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended. Environmental Protection Agency awarded this grant to MI EGLE in

March 2017, with a project period ending December 31, 2021. These funds were awarded to MI EGLE to support the City of Flint to address water infrastructure needs.

To date EPA has received and approved two project period grant extensions bringing the total project period of approximately seven years. On September 21, 2021, MI EGLE requested a 1-year project period extension and EPA approved that request on October 3, 2021. Then on October 6, 2022, MI EGLE requested a 1-year extension and EPA approved that request on October 25, 2022. As of August 15, 2023, \$17,715,854.95 remains available under this grant.

If you have further questions, please contact Steve Marquardt at (312) 353-3214 or marquardt.steve@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

8/16/2023

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Tera L. Fong
Division Director, Water Division
Signed by: Environmental Protection Agency

cc (via email): Clyde Edwards, City Administrator, City of Flint