



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Sewer/Stormwater

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 2, 2026

Re: Authorizing application to United States Department of Transportation for a BUILD grant to be used for the replacement of a stormwater culvert on Proctor Drive.

Impacted Ward: Ward 2

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$2,500,000 dollars with the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program. This grant is to fund projects that will improve transportation infrastructure, including the replacement or rehabilitation of culverts. City of Columbia Utilities intends to apply for the grant to design and construct the planned capital improvement project culvert replacement at Proctor Drive.

Discussion

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) is authorized through The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to provide funding for the Local and Regional Project Assistance Program. This program assists in funding projects that will have significant local or regional impact and improve transportation infrastructure, including projects to replace or rehabilitate culverts. DOT is releasing \$1.5 billion through this program in a grant cycle in Fiscal Year 2026, with grant applications due on February 24, 2026. Grant applicants are eligible to receive up to \$25 million in funding, with a minimum of \$1 million for rural areas. For the purpose of this grant, Columbia is considered a rural area as the population is less than 200,000 (in the 2020 Census).

If awarded the grant, City of Columbia Utilities would not be required to provide a cost match for this grant, as Columbia is considered a rural area and rural areas are not required to provide a cost match. Grant award funds would be used to design and construct the Proctor Drive Stormwater Improvement project identified as unfunded for fiscal year 2026. This capital improvement project is proposed to replace the box culvert underneath Proctor Drive, along with increasing the road height to accommodate the increased box culvert size. This project will reduce the incidence of street flooding on Proctor Drive.

If the grant is awarded, this project will begin as soon as possible.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Up to \$2,500,000 for of capital improvement expenses.

Long-Term Impact: No long-term impact

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan ImpactStrategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
NA	

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution.