



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 15, 2025

Re: Resolution to allow City of Columbia Utilities to apply for a grant for water utility capital improvements with the Environmental Protection Agency.

## Executive Summary

The City of Columbia Utilities is requesting to apply for a grant of up to \$2,375,000 dollars with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This grant is to protect drinking water sources from natural hazards, extreme weather events, and cybersecurity threats. City of Columbia Utilities intends to apply for the grant to offset costs for planned capital improvement projects from the water utility.

## Discussion

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is authorized through Section 1459F of The Safe Drinking Water Act to provide funding for the Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program. This program assists medium and large size public water systems with protecting drinking water sources from natural hazards, extreme weather events, and cybersecurity threats. EPA is releasing \$9.5 million through this program in a grant cycle this fall, with grant applications due on October 6, 2025. Grant applicants are eligible to receive up to \$2,375,000 in funding.

If awarded the grant, City of Columbia Utilities would be required to provide a cost match of 10 percent or up to \$237,500. This cost match would be funded by the existing budget allocation in Fiscal Year 2026 and future budget allocations in Fiscal Year 2027 for capital improvements for water main replacement at Business Loop 70 Phase 6A (W0200), water main replacement at Country Club Drive SE Walnut Phase 2 (W0273) and the replacement of Alluvial Well 10 (W0302). Grant award funds would be used to offset the cost of these capital improvements. The offset monies would be able to be used for other water infrastructure expenses.

In the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, the City of Columbia Utilities has funds available for the cost match for the water main replacements. In Fiscal Year 2027, the City of Columbia Utilities will have funds available for the cost match of alluvial well replacement. The existing water mains are old at the end of their useful life. New water mains will provide better reliability for the utility's distribution system. The alluvial well is at the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. Besides being more efficient, the new well will increase the City's resilience as the new well will be more reliable and productive.



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## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Revenue of up to \$2,375,000 offset of capital improvement expenses.  
Long-Term Impact: No long-term impact.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic 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: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
6/3/2019	PH24-19: Public hearing on the proposed replacement of the water distribution infrastructure along County Club Drive South and Elliot Drive.
7/1/2019	B169-19: Authorizing the acquisition of easements for replacement of the water distribution infrastructure along Country Club Drive South and Elliot Drive.
4/5/2021	B100-21: Authorizing the acquisition of an additional easement for replacement of the water distribution infrastructure along Country Club Drive South and Elliot Drive.
4/5/2021	PH11-21: Public hearing on the proposed replacement of water distribution infrastructure along Business Loop 70 between Fay Street and Old Highway 63.
5/3/2021	B145-21: Authorizing the acquisition of easements for the replacement of water distribution infrastructure along Business Loop 70 between Fay Street and Old Highway 63.
5/15/2023	R78-23: Authorizing an agreement for professional engineering services with Black & Veatch Corporation for the design of new Alluvial Wells 1A and 10A to serve the McBaine Water Treatment Plant.
2/5/2024	B10-24: Authorizing a deed of water utility easement and related agreements with Eugenia B. Rogers Trust, the Rogers Family Trust, and the Rogers Joint Revocable Trust; directing the City Clerk to record the document.
10/21/2024	PH32-24: Public hearing on the proposed construction of new Alluvial Well 10A to serve the McBaine Water Treatment Plant.

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution.