



CITY OF CONCORD

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REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: September 22, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Earle M. Chesley, P. E., General Services Director

Subject: Grant to establish a Source Development Fee for Water sold outside Concord city limits.

Recommendation

Accept this report and authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept grant funds available from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services relative to Source Development Charges for water sold to neighboring communities in the amount of \$65,500.00.

Background

The communities of Bow and Pembroke are experiencing contaminated public drinking water. Both communities have approached Concord requesting water service. The establishment of a Source Development Charge will effectively have any outside community pay for their respective supply, in essence paying their portion of future source development the city will need to establish as the city approaches buildout.

Discussion

Concord's water supply has been very well managed through its history, establishing policies to protect the source, and investing in appropriate treatment technology. These investments approved by City Council has other communities envious and reaching out to Concord to correct their contamination issues.

Providing service outside Concord's boundaries is a noble effort in regional sharing of resources, however the City of Concord and its customers cannot bear any financial burden in correcting other communities' issues. The establishment of a Source Development Charge will have the people and communities that are using the water, pay for future supply expansions as growth continues in the area.

This Source Development Charge protects the City of Concord, and its water customers from the burden of paying for source expansion that may be driven from consumption outside of the City limits while helping neighboring communities correct contaminated water supplies.

Cc Marco Philippon, Water Superintendent