

# Apalachicola Drinking Water Improvements Project Summary

A Community Redevelopment Agency Initiative to provide adequate infrastructure for the CRA District

## Project Purpose:

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- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is requiring the City to install a \$1.7 million filtration system to address the Trihalomethane (TTHM) compliance issue in our municipal water supply.
- This project is designed to bring TTHMs into compliance which will lift the DEP Consent Order and its \$100 per day fines.

## Project Funding:

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- The project is made possible by a \$1.7 million federal grant/loan funding package through USDA.
- The USDA funding package consists of a \$1.2 million grant and a \$474,000 long-term low-interest loan acquired for the City by CRA Director Augusta West.
- This represents a 75% grant and 25% loan. The grant is a funding source that does not have to be repaid.
- CRA Director Augusta West pursued this funding package after the City was turned down repeatedly for private loans to fund the project.

## Project Status as of 8/26/2019:

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- The project is moving forward. The engineering firm, Inovia Consulting, submitted their proposed bid package consisting of technical specifications and contract documents to USDA. After review by USDA's state engineer, Inovia is working on revisions.
- Once the bid package is approved, bid advertisements for the construction contractor will be published.
- Site preparation work can begin within 30 days of the bid being awarded, meaning that we expect work to begin this fall.
- The total expected timeline for project completion is 10-12 months. There is continuous coordination with USDA and Inovia to keep this project moving forward.