

## Grant Updates

### City Commission Meeting - Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

#### Submitted Applications - Pending Results:

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**1. Commerce Rural Infrastructure Fund – Well Rehabilitation**

- a) An application requesting \$344,250 to rehabilitate the City's three wells was submitted on 9/13/24. The specific technology requested would allow for quicker repairs and lessen the risk of future boil water notices. No match was required for the City to apply. There is \$15 million available statewide – awards should be announced by 12/31/24.

**2. DEP Local Trail Management Grant Program – Riverfront Park Fitness Trail**

- a) An application requesting \$185,000 for replacement of the dock boards at Riverfront Park was submitted 8/29/24. No match was required to apply.

**3. FDACS – UCF-C Grant Program – Lafayette Park Tree Canopy Improvements Project (Requested \$10,000, City Cash Match \$10,000)**

- a) An application requesting funding for the planting of 34 trees in Lafayette Park was submitted 7/18/24. The City Commission agreed to budget \$10,000 towards this project in the next fiscal year and the City submitted a request to FDACS for the remaining \$10,000.
- b) Evaluation committee made final selections 10/10 – notifications expected mid to late October.
- c) No updates on funding as of 11/25/24.

**4. DHR – 2025-26 Special Category – Phase II HCA (Harrison-Raney Building) mitigation/repair. \$350,000 (City Cash Match \$21,875) FUNDED**

- a) 2025-26 DHR Special Category grant request for Phase II to complete additional repairs to HCA currently being drafted and was submitted by June 3, 2024. Phase II to complete repairs not funded in Phase I and will include windows, doors and additional masonry work.
- b) Application submitted for consideration - \$21,875 cash match is obligated under the application as approved at the 6/4/24 CC meeting.
- c) **FUNDED** – HCA phase II application was reviewed and ranked favorably during Nov. 19 Florida Trust Board Meeting. Trust board recommended funding; funding is pending legislative budget approval (Spring 2025).

#### Funded Applications:

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##### Firehouse Subs:

**1. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation - Hurst Rescue Tools "Jaws of Life" \$38,465**

- a) An application requesting Jaws of Life rescue tools for the Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department was submitted by City staff 7/11/24 and announced as funded on 10/8/24. These tools were a request from the VFD and will aid them in their efforts. Firehouse Subs is worked directly with Hurst to send the equipment to the City - the Jaws of Life equipment was delivered mid-November and the VFD has scheduled a training with Hurst staff on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to learn how to operate the equipment safely.
- b) **Project CLOSED OUT** – will be removed from the February grant report.

##### FDOT:

**1. SCOP - Leslie Street \$610,169.30 (G2N05)**

- a) This project will remedy the underground issues, resurface the entire street length, and obtain new road signs based off engineer's estimate and recommendations. Engineering firm, Dewberry, has completed the plans and they were sent to FDOT for a final review prior to procurement - 5/23/24 the plans were approved and advertisements for procurement were scheduled in The Times and The Tallahassee Democrat. Bids are due by June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.

- b) The current project completion date per FDOT is 10/31/24.
- c) City procured North Florida Construction for the construction work – CEI is currently being procured under the City’s Continuing Services Engineers procurement. City Manager will request action to award the CEI to an engineering firm and then construction can begin. CEI was awarded to Urban Catalyst Engineering.
- d) CONSTRUCTION START DATE WAS SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>! Construction in progress – currently **not on schedule**. During construction it was discovered that the stormwater pipe is made of terra cotta. City has requested a change order to replace the terra cotta with a new concrete pipe to prevent any future issues. Brick manholes were also discovered and an additional change order has been requested to replace them while they are exposed to avoid disrupting the street in the future. Once approved by FDOT, this project will move forward. FDOT has granted an extension through the end of this year – an additional extension to March 2025 may be requested if needed to complete construction.
- e) Change order was approved by FDOT – expected to be fully executed first week of December. Contractor has ordered materials needed.

**DEP:**

**1. Resilient Florida - Critical Asset Flood Management \$2,403,500 (24SRP65)**

- a) This grant will complete identified drainage projects in the city that have been documented, but not funded by other sources. Funds will repair known nuisance flooding drainage issues in 29+ locations throughout the city. The City of Apalachicola Critical Asset Flood Mitigation Projects include the replacement and retrofit of pipe systems at multiple roadway intersections, addition of inlets, pipes, water quality vaults, crown reconstruction, and construction of roadway conveyance system. DEP has tentatively scheduled a site visit in October.
- b) Bay Media Services was awarded a contract for administering this grant at the June City Commission meeting.
- c) Baskerville Donovan Inc was scored highest and selected by City Commission to negotiate engineering services. Staff met with BDI Aug. 22 to develop specific scope for services agreement to be presented to City Commission for approval. BDI submitted a proposal for the work (\$400,000). Staff is still in negotiations for the engineering as the percentage came back higher than expected.
- d) DEP engineers traveled to Apalachicola to inspect the sites prior to beginning of construction. This meeting took place 10/22.
- e) Negotiations with Baskerville Donovan were unsuccessful. Staff has modified scope based on field visit with DEP and is advertising new RFQ for engineering services.

**2. Resilient Florida Planning Grant – COA Adaptation Plan \$67,000 (24PLN12)**

- a) This award is funding for preparing a infrastructure plan for flood protection. The City of Apalachicola will complete the City of Apalachicola Adaptation Plan Project to include an Adaptation Plan consistent with the Florida Adaptation Planning Guidebook. The project will include public outreach and stakeholder engagement. Agreement signed 3/20/24 and project procurement is underway.
- b) Bay Media Services was awarded the contract for this scope of work at the June City Commission meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop is planned for later this fall, following completion of Vulnerability Assessment.
- c) Project pending completion of VA update (March 2025).

**3. Resilient Florida – Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment \$272,500 (22PLN10)**

- a) The City of Apalachicola will conduct the City of Apalachicola Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment project to include an update to the 2017 Vulnerability Assessment. This includes the impact of sea-level rise, storm surge, and rainfall flooding. The impacts of flooding will be projected and mapped over a planning horizon that extends to 2070. Critical assets, vulnerable infrastructure, and historic properties at risk will be identified. Comprehensive plan amendments to comply with the Peril of Flood statute and adaptation strategy recommendations will also be included in the Project. \$200,000 in supplemental funding was awarded as part of the VA help resolve identified data gaps and will result in the City digitizing its infrastructure facilities including water distribution lines, sewer and stormwater.
- b) Data Gap infrastructure mapping 95% complete. Exposure Analysis pending final data gap maps and

model. 80% of Sensitivity Analysis is complete.

4. **Resilient Florida – Wastewater Plant Repairs \$13,381,516 (22SRP17) + SLFRP - WWTP Headworks & SBR Relocation, Replacement and Upgrades for Advanced Wastewater Treatment \$5,551,875 (WG038) = Total \$18,933,391 for WWTP Relocation/Replacement**
  - a) These grants combined are to replace and repair critical wastewater facility components and to relocate the facility to ensure it is out of the flood zone. The project will ensure that the City is storm ready for years to come!
  - b) The project is at 85% design and the permit applications have been submitted and is currently sitting at 60% complete. Currently, final design is underway which includes biological process modelling, and process equipment selection.
  - c) DEP is creating an amendment to WG038 to combine the budget into one line item to ensure that there are no issues with the ARPA funding pools in the future. (completed in August 24)
  - d) Pay Request 4 has been submitted to DEP for payment 8/12/24 and has been reimbursed via advanced pay. Pay Request 5 is being created and will also request advance payment.
  - e) SCHEDULE:
    - i. Projected construction start date: February 2025
    - ii. Projected initiations of operations date: December 2026
    - iii. Projected construction end date: December 2026

**Florida Commerce [Formerly DEO]:**

1. **Rural Infrastructure Fund - Water Treatment Plant Improvements, Potable Water Studies \$147,000 (D0225)**
  - a) This grant will evaluate existing conditions, create an enhanced sampling plan, hydraulic modeling, treatability studies and alternatives analysis. Engineering firm, Dewberry, is in progress and these studies are 45% complete!
  - b) A one-year extension request has been requested to complete this project – it was executed mid-September and the deadline is now May 2025. Dewberry’s work continues.
2. **Rural Infrastructure Fund – Drainage Basin Analysis Phase II + Camera Work of Stormwater Lines \$300,000 (D0260)**
  - a) This grant will fund an analysis of the drainage basins that border Apalachicola River and Bay. The proposal also includes funding to begin camera-work of the stormwater lines in Phase 1. The project aims to document all stormwater conveyance characteristic, both structural and natural, along with deficiencies of each that have contributed to localized flooding within 18 drainage basin areas totaling 310 acres in the city. The City will then prioritize repairs in areas where localized flooding is present and plan for water quality treatment at the stormwater outfalls which discharge into the Apalachicola River and Apalachicola Bay. Basins 11 and 3 were covered by the 2018 grant. This grant application would address the following basins: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12-19
  - b) Agreement signed 2/1/24. Grant administration with grant continuing services procurement approved at July City Commission meeting. Task order to engage Dewberry Engineering drafted; currently in review by Florida Commerce. Request for contract extension drafted, pending Commerce approval.
  - c) Contract extension approved 10-14-24. Pending Dewberry mobilization.
3. **CDBG-DR – Avenues Stormwater Repair Project \$3,891,869 (\$29,000 City Cash Match) (M0016)**
  - a) This grant is to fund repairs and upgrades for the avenues stormwater drainage system. Dewberry is the engineering firm for this project.
  - b) Quotes received for drainage pipe inspections and route survey. Existing conditions CCTV survey was completed. The engineer received videos and reports which have been analyzed. The engineer worked with contractor to revise scope and cost for drainage pipe survey.
  - c) An amendment request was submitted on 5/10/2024 to add CE&I as a reimbursable task and to extend the period of performance through September 2025.
  - d) Meetings were held with Commerce’s consultant (KPMG) to discuss project progress and reiterate that the project must be finalized by 09.30.2025.
  - e) Engineering:
    - i. Survey is 100% complete. Engineering is nearing completion. Recent engineering updates

indicated that design is scheduled for completion in November 2024; however, plans have not been received as of 11.21.2024. (Note that construction activities cannot commence until Commerce approves the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and Authority to Use Grant Funds (AUGF) is issued.)

- f) Environmental:
  - i. The DRAFT ERR package was compiled throughout October and submitted for FloridaCommerce review in November 2024.
  - ii. As of 11.21.2024, this package was still under review.
- g) SCHEDULE:
  - i. Projected construction start date: January 2025
  - ii. Projected construction end date: June 2025
- 4. **CDBG-DR – Hometown Revitalization (Riverfront) \$4,400,000 (\$70,000 Private Owner Match + \$313,365 City Cash Match) (M0034)**
  - a) This grant is to revitalize the businesses and public areas in the riverfront district. This work includes private business’s docks along with public docks, sidewalks, lighting, and parking areas.
  - b) Certifications and liability agreements have been distributed to all owners – matching funds have been requested from owners 30-days prior to bidding the project.
  - c) The City Commission planned to amend the scope for the Popham Building to just design and partial demolition as the deliverables. After several meetings, Commerce agreed with the scope change presented by the City and it has been incorporated into the scope.
  - d) Meetings were held with Commerce’s consultant (KPMG) were held in June to discuss project progress and reiterate that the project must be finalized by 09.30.2025.
  - e) The engineer has continued work on survey drawings, environmental evaluations, permit applications, and preliminary and schematic designs. (Note that construction activities cannot commence until Commerce approves the Environmental Review Record.) The project engineer reported the following for October:
    - i. Plan Set 1 (Dock and Pier Repair/Reconstruction)
      - 1. Design and plans for Plan Set 1 along Scipio Creek sites have advanced to 100% complete in October. An Opinion of Probable Costs for Plan Set 1 has been finalized.
      - 2. Edgewater Group has continued with the environmental permitting process developing permit documentation required for the USACE, Section 10 issues regarding regulated wildlife and State 404 permitting needs. A pre-application meeting with state agencies for the project’s ERP was held and comments have been received. Comments from agencies were favorable to the permitting process being straightforward and the permitting application process has commenced. All application packages have been submitted to FDEP and USACE. USACE has already assigned permit processors to each site, and we have begun to receive (pre-RAI/pre-Public Notice inquiries from the processors, notably related to SAV surveys (seagrass) and cultural resource evaluations. Edgewater is responding to USACE SAV inquiries while awaiting RAIs from both agencies, and is conferring with TG Earnest regarding cultural resource inquiries. Permitting for Plan Set 1 is at 50% complete.
      - 3. The Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) for the Riverfront Revitalization project has commenced. TG Earnest & Associates is now on the team and generating the CRAS. Supplemental Agreement #1 was fully executed approved by the COA for the CRAS. CRAS for Plan Set 1 is at 50% complete.
    - ii. Plan Set 2 (Water, Commerce and 4th Street Upgrades)
      - 1. Office survey work and maps/drawings have been completed and submitted to Half for incorporation into our plans.
      - 2. Design and plan drawings of the proposed Water, Commerce and 4th Street upgrades continued this month.
      - 3. Aerial layouts for sidewalks, parking areas, landscaping, lighting and amenities proposed along the streets have been generated with typical sections and details being developed. Plan Set 2 is approximately 65% complete at the end of October.

4. A field review by Halff Team members with preliminary Plan Set 2 documents-in-hand (to verify proposed street upgrades and amenities) occurred in October.
  5. Permitting for Plan Set 2 is underway and approximately 40% complete.
  6. The Cultural Resource Assessment Survey (CRAS) for the Riverfront Revitalization project has commenced. CRAS for Plan Set 2 is 30% complete
- iii. Popham Building
    1. Hammond Design Group (HDG) has presented their findings for the Popham Building to the City Commission at their July 2nd meeting and were given direction to explore options of what could be built to replace the existing structure.
    2. Schematic design of re-created Popham Building Concepts and cost estimates have been completed. We are attempting to schedule a meeting with the City Commissioners to advance their selected concept for the Popham Site to design.
- f) Environmental Updates:
- i. All outreach that can be conducted at this time is complete. The current critical path item is the CRAS.
  - ii. CRAS (performed by engineer) is currently anticipated for completion in January 2025.
  - iii. Environmental can be completed after finalization of CRAS, submission of same to SHPO / Seminole Tribe, and acceptance by SHPO and Seminole Tribe.
  - iv. Gouras & Associates will work on compilation of complete ERR sections through year end; compilation of the full DRAFT ERR will be finalized upon completion of the CRA.
- g) SCHEDULE:
- i. Projected construction start date: January 2025
  - ii. Projected construction end date: September 2025
5. **CDBG-DR – Hill Community Project \$935,753 (\$910,000 Funded + \$25,000 City Cash Match) (M0033)**
- a) This project is to revitalize three (originally 5, two locations dropped out by choice) businesses within the Hill through exterior work and renovations - each location's scope differs. This project is also to create sidewalks and lighting in the Hill area to spur economic development through walkable connectivity. Gouras and Associates is the grant administrator and CDG is the engineering firm working on the plans. Certifications for the private business owners have been prepared and sent to each owner to ensure that the program guidelines are being met by all parties.
  - b) The City Commission finalized the scope of the Sidewalk & Lighting project at a special meeting on 2/20/24 after workshopping the previously approved scope. The below image shows the final scope of these improvements - these are subject to Commerce approval. The cost of materials has increased during the progression of this grant, so the priority for the funding will be sidewalks first with primary focus on MLK and the 8th Street section.



- c)
- d) Florida Commerce and the City held a TA call on 4/29/2024 to discuss scope changes requested by the City. Changes to the sidewalk layout based on public feedback was discussed, as well as structural issues that have been identified for several commercial buildings.
- e) Liability Agreements were created by the City Attorney and distributed to the business owners. Project guidelines were also provided. Meetings to discuss these documents are scheduled with business owners. 3/3 project beneficiaries have submitted their signed documents. A meeting was held with the remaining property owners and FloridaCommerce to review grant requirements; as a result of this meeting, Commerce subsequently confirmed participant eligibility, pending submission of additional documentation from the participant. The City has continued to work with property owners to finalize agreements between the City and the Property Owner for utilization of CDBG funds for project activities.
- f) An amendment has been received from the engineer to modify the sidewalk layout and update the scope of engineering to correspond with modified building scopes; this was submitted to Commerce for authorization to execute on 07.03.2024.
- g) Architectural Update:
  - a. % of Completion as of 10.31.2024: 90%
  - b. A rough draft of the bid package was finalized and submitted to the City / Gouras & Associates for preliminary review on 10.30.2024.
  - c. February Engineering is scheduled to be on site for structural inspection of the Game Room building Friday, November 8th.
- h) October Sidewalk Update:
  - a. % of Completion as of 10.31.2024: 0% (Revised design pending topo survey completion in November 2024)
  - b. Topographical survey / field work scheduled. Will begin 11.11.2024.
- i) Environmental Update (through November 21, 2024):
  - a. The DRAFT ERR package was submitted to Commerce for review on 10.10.2024; Gouras & Associates worked with Commerce throughout the month to address follow-up requests for additional information (RAI).
  - b. The ERR will be finalized in November and final notices will be posted. AUGF is anticipated by year end.
- j) SCHEDULE: \*\*NOTE: Design work was on hold until Commerce authorizes execution of a contract amendment. Commerce authorized execution of the contract amendment with the project engineer on 9/19/24!

- i. Projected construction start date: March 2025
- ii. Projected construction end date: July 2025

**DOS:**

**1. DHR African American Cultural and Historical Grants - Apalachicola History & Culture African American Museum \$1,250,000 (\$1,000,000 Award, \$250,000 City Cash Matching Funds) (23.s.aa.900.039)**

- a) This project is funding the design and construction of a one-story, 2,000SF building with elevated ceilings. Priorities include: security, storage, office space, greeting station/gift shop, breezeway to Holy Family, bathrooms, controlled lighting for displays.
- b) There was a meeting on 1/16/2024 to show the concept direction of elevations and floor plans for the proposed museum. The third set of concepts was introduced to the City Staff, Commission, and community stakeholders. There was a presentation introducing potential site planning concepts, indoor and outdoor arrangements of display area, and potential exterior plaza configuration. Commission voted on exterior and interior layouts and designs for the museum provided by the architects. The modern style building, second floor plan, and exposed roof style were all chosen. The next phase is moving these concepts to construction documents – the architect/engineering team is in progress. See the concept design below:



- c)
  - d) A public workshop was held July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Architect team to present the 50% plans for the site, building, and space to the City Commission and interested citizens.
  - e) An updated timeline has been communicated to DOS and an extension to June of 2025 has been granted. The project completion date is estimated to be in December of 2025, so City staff and DOS are anticipating another 6-month extension to be filed February of 2025.
  - f) Hammond Design to presented 95% Plans to the City Commission 10/8/24.
  - g) A workshop to discuss tile options has been scheduled for 12/3/24 prior to the City Commission regular meeting.
- 2. DHR Special Categories – Old City Hall Phase II Structural Damage \$395,000 + \$98,750 In-Kind Match (\$50,000 Cash Match) (24.h.sc.100.069)**
- a) City was funded for Phase II of the repair/structural work to the old city hall building! Agreement was signed 8/8/23. Bay Media will continue with grant administration as well as 4M Design, Mark Tarmey, on the designs as allowed by DOS. This grant is to secure funding to complete the Old City Hall Renovation and support the ongoing repairs funded through the NPS grant. The purpose is to stabilize the building, by proposing to install an interior rigid steel frame to provide the structural integrity of

- the building, exterior masonry, and support the historic second floor wood frame.
- b) Phase II will install structural interior steel framing, additional 2<sup>nd</sup> floor shutters and interior/exterior masonry work, electrical, plumbing. Admin to schedule staff, architect (4M Design) and contractor (OSP) onsite meeting to finalize Phase II scope and develop construction contract.
  - c) Contractor agreement for shutters and windows with Oliver Sperry executed. Scope modification approved by DHR. Construction of first contract deliverables pending arrival of windows and shutters. Building interior has been LiDAR scanned to verify scale and structural dimensions of existing second floor framing with high degree of accuracy for required Structural improvements to second floor framing. Awaiting structural drawings and estimate for remainder of phase II construction work.
  - d) Upstairs windows and shutters to arrive for installation mid December. Structural plans for interior stabilization scheduled to be completed mid December.
- 3. DHR Special Categories – City Hall Phase III \$340,000 + \$30,000 City Cash Match (25.h.sc.100.036)**
- a) DOS reached out 6/18/24 to announce that this project was awarded through the FY25 Special Category Grants program. The phase III funding for City Hall will complete the second-floor structural work, interior/exterior masonry repair of second floor and will complete the mechanical and plumbing not completed in phase II for the first floor and all for the second floor. Additionally, it will provide a second-required stair access to the second level.
  - b) Agreement signed 10/25/24!
  - c) Procurement underway for architect/contractor.

**FEMA:**

- 1. Hurricane Michael - Bodiford Park Dock Repairs (76103)**
  - a) Dewberry engineers completed the engineered plans for this project. Project construction was bid out and awarded to Coastline Clearing in the amount of \$53,824 on 4/2/24! Contracts are in progress and work should begin soon. Waiting on an extension from FEMA. Held a call with FEMA and City staff. They requested revised drawings. Once approved, an extension should be granted.
- 2. Hurricane Michael - Scipio Creek Marina Finger Dock Repairs (76103)**
  - a) Dewberry engineers completed the engineered plans for this project. Project construction was bid out and awarded to Coastline Clearing in the amount of \$74,090 on 4/2/24! Contracts are in progress and work should begin soon. Waiting on extension from FEMA. Held a call with FEMA and City staff. They requested revised drawings. Once approved, an extension should be granted.

**FDEM:**

- 1. HMGP Market Street Vacuum Station \$120,000 (4399-150-R) with DEO Match of \$37,500 (M0142)**
  - a) The scope of this project is for the design of a new vacuum sewage station located near intersection of Market Street and Avenue G. The purpose of this project is to provide protective measures to wastewater infrastructure of the historic downtown commercial district in Apalachicola. CPWG Madrid is 90% complete with the engineered plans for the Market Street Vacuum Station – they submitted 100% designs and permits, but there were some remaining issues/priorities in the plans pointed out by staff that are currently being remedied. Monthly meetings with Commerce continue.
  - b) The Engineer submitted all deliverables and staff is reviewing them prior to submitting to FDEM. Once approved by staff, all documents will be uploaded and FDEM will conduct a CBA to determine Phase II.
  - c) Submitted deliverables to FDEM. They have come back and asked for additional documentation from the engineers. Waiting for CPWG Engineering to supply cost estimate documentation!
  - d) CPWG supplied the cost estimate information and then an additional RFI (request for information) was issued and questions were answered 10/24/24. This is a good sign that the construction could be soon funded.
  - e) FDEM has sent multiple RFI's and CPWG engineers are answering as needed. RFI deadlines due 11/25.
- 2. HMGP Critical Facilities Generators \$241,862 (4399-092-R) with DEO Match of \$26,064.75 (M0141)**



- a) This grant will provide protection and storm mitigation by providing City Hall, the police, and fire department with portable generators. One will be at City Hall, the other will be shared by Police and Fire. The purpose of this project is to provide protection to a critical facility in Apalachicola. The project is for the purchase and installation of an emergency generating system to reduce and/or mitigate the damage that might otherwise occur from severe weather or other hazards.
  - b) The contract with BGN was executed and monthly progress meetings with Commerce continue – permitting is in process and general installation will begin very soon! Generators have been ordered.
  - c) The City is waiting on generators to arrive. The next step is to pour concrete and install electrical.
  - d) Work has begun on this project. The only delay is the generator delivery. Some sizes are back ordered. The end goal is to have both generators installed by October 2024 pending no further shipping delays.
  - e) Generators delivered – work is underway! **Generators installed!** City to soon seek reimbursement.
- 3. HMGP Wastewater Vacuum Station Portable Generator \$170,000 (4486-007-R)**
- a) For purchase and setup of an emergency generator system to reduce and/or mitigate the damage that might otherwise occur from severe weather or other hazards at the 108 Avenue F location. (The current generator is too small for the need and this will provide an appropriately sized and portable generator.)
  - b) The bid for this project came in over budget. A budget increase was requested in February, 2024. We are waiting on determination from FDEM. The contractor has guaranteed his price without an increase until June 24, 2024. FDEM approved the cost increase. Waiting for FEMA’s approval of the budget increase.

**State Appropriations:**

- 1. Spray Field & Solar Project \$130,000 (LPA0452)**
- a) The original request for this award was for 150 replacement spray heads and installation of 11 solar controllers and supplementary batteries. The spray heads are \$553.00 apiece, and the solar installation costs (in total) amounts to \$87,880.00 for 22 locations.
  - b) DEP issued an amendment in April 2024 allowing for the funds to be used solely for acquisition of needed parts instead of having to hire out a contractor for the parts and install. This will allow The City to stretch the budget further and be able to buy more spray heads and install them in house – procurement is in the works as acquisition quotes will need to be obtained and approved by DEP prior to ordering. Work will be completed by 12/31/25.
- 2. Inflow & Infiltration Study \$300,000 (LPA0451)**
- a) The City of Apalachicola has an aging infrastructure made of terra cotta pipes and faulty water lines. The City is funded to do an infiltration and inflow study - the study will assess local sources of surface water and/or groundwater prior to entering a sewage system. This will be done with typical methods such as smoke testing, dye testing, and visual inspections to locate structural defects or water stains to summarize existing data pertinent to the hydrologic conditions and hydrogeology in the study and surrounding area. This will produce a pre-design report that will detail the scope of the problem in the analysis area, outline design options, and identify the tasks required to complete a resolution to the problem by 6/30/25.
  - b) Procurement is in progress.
- 3. Stormwater Pipe Relining & Backflow Devices - \$100,000 (LPA0140)**
- a) Urban Catalyst is the procured engineer for this project. The following locations in Apalachicola will be addressed: 1) Fred Meyer Street near 18th Street just east of the intersection, where the road is sinking at a damaged pipe joint; 2) 5th Street between Avenue C and Avenue E., where the road has several areas where the pipe joints are caving in; and 3) Avenue B between 11th and 12th Street. Funding agency does not anticipate that the funding under this Agreement will result in a fully completed project, so this award will cover a portion of the work.
  - b) An extension to 6/30/25 was granted – engineering is complete and the City tried to bid out the work with no responses twice – DEP agreed for us to be able to obtain quotes to move forward instead of going through the bidding process. Quotes for the final work are being acquired.
  - c) Quotes are being updated – 2/3 have been secured. Hoping to have a third in time to award this

- project at the 10/1/24 meeting, but possibly in November.
- d) Award on agenda for December meeting!
- 4. Avenue H Parking Lot \$135,013 (Waiting for Agreement)**
- a) The 2024 legislative session funded half of the requested funding for the Avenue H Parking Lot project. This project will provide 39 parking spaces in an area with very few options for public parking and encourage additional economic activity in the downtown area. Permeable parking will also help with storm water management. Parking for local businesses will be provided - additionally, parking spaces will be provided that will be available for parking mitigation by local businesses.
- b) An agreement has not yet been received – report will be updated once the agreement has been executed.
- 5. Fire Hydrant Replacement Phase III \$275,000 (Waiting for Agreement)**
- a) The 2024 Legislative session funded the Fire Hydrant Replacement Phase II project. The request was originally for \$550,000 to finish out the project, but only \$275,000 was funded. The City has worked over the last three years to replace 215 old and inoperable fire hydrants throughout the city. There are currently 110 fire hydrants remaining that are still in need of replacement. These new hydrants will benefit residents in close proximity in obtaining homeowners insurance, they will benefit the City with FDEP required flushing of drinking water and will benefit the all City residents with fire suppression and control. The funding should cover 55 of the remaining needed 110 hydrants.
- b) An agreement has not yet been received – report will be updated once the agreement has been executed.
- c) Introductory meeting with state legislative grants staff held 7/25/24 – state staff stated that an agreement would not be drafted until a purchase order for the hydrants has been approved. City Manager Wade is working on this.

**ARPA:**

- 1. American Rescue Plan - \$1,179,010**
- a) The City received an award of \$1,179,010 through the SLFRF program – the City has elected to use the funding as a “standard allowance” for government services.
- b) The City Commission has been workshopping priorities for the funding – the yearly report was submitted by April 30th.

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All information in this report is accurate up to 11/25/24 at 12:00PM! If you have questions regarding any of the above projects, please direct your questions to Bree Robinson – City Planner [brobenson@cityofapalachicola.com](mailto:brobenson@cityofapalachicola.com).