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October 15, 2026

Rhonda Stallings, Deputy Finance Officer
Town of Aurora
295 Main Street
Aurora, NC 27806

Subject: Engineering Report Funding Approval
Town of Aurora
Downtown Waterlines & Well 1&2 Rehab
DWI Project No(s).: VUR-D-0007;SRF-D-2089

Dear Ms. Stallings:

The Division of Water Infrastructure (Division) has completed its review of the engineering report and environmental document for the subject project received on August 17, 2026. Based upon the review, the Division has determined that the above-referenced project is eligible for funding as follows:

Eligible:

Rehabilitation and enclosure of wells 1 & 2, including:
- Replacement of existing electrical service to well sites.
- Installation of new pump control panels with SCADE monitoring.
- Installation of new 30k generators and ATSs.
- Replacement of well pumps and motors.

Replacement of 1,100-LF of 2-inch water main along Middle Street, 2,650-LF of 6-inch water main along Main Street/3rd Street/5th Street/6th Street, 1,350-LF of 8-inch water main along Pearl Street, and 600-LF of 10-inch water main along Pearl Street and system appurtenances.

Non-Eligible:

Paving of roadways in excess of the excavated area; spare parts, service contracts, and maintenance contracts; and extended warranties.

Based upon a detailed review of the future bid documents, the Division may determine that portions of the project are not eligible for funding and the total funding amount may be reduced.

Please note that funding is contingent on meeting the schedule provided in your *Letter of Intent to Fund*, or your approved Funding Deadline Extension approval letter (if applicable), as tabulated below:

Milestone	**Date**
Design-and-Bid Package Submittal	July 15, 2027
Design-and-Bid Package Approval	November 15, 2027
Advertise Project, Receive Bids, Submit Bid Information, and Receive Authority to Award	March 15, 2028
Execute Construction Contract(s)	June 15, 2028

Please submit Plans and Specifications via the new Online Supporting Documentation Submittal Form located at https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/DW-Document-Upload-Form. The link to the online submittal form and a list of frequently asked questions can also be accessed from the Division's "I Have Funding" page, https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-have-funding.

If you have any questions, please contact Walker Brown, either by telephone at 919.707.3891 or by e-mail at walker.brown@deq.nc.gov

Sincerely,

Renee Parkman

Renee Parkman, P.E., Supervisor
Drinking Water Projects Unit

Attachments: Categorical Exclusion

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Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant:	*Town of Aurora*
Date:	*October 15, 2026*
Project Name:	*Downtown Waterlines & Well 1&2 Rehab*
Project Number:	*SRF-D-2089*
Estimated Project Cost:	*$2,429,589*
Estimated Funding Amount:	*$1,822,192*

Project Description: *This project rehabilitates and modernizes two well sites by installing protective enclosures, upgrading electrical service, adding new pump control panels with SCADA monitoring, and installing 30 kW generators with automatic transfer switches. Both well pumps and motors will be replaced due to their deteriorated condition and age. The project also replaces approximately 5,500 LF of aging water lines, along with hydrants, valves, and related appurtenances that have exceeded their service life and are prone to failure, improving overall system reliability and performance.*

The above-named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure (**Division**) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the NCGS §159G-38. The Division has determined that this project is below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in the 15A NCAC 01C .0408; therefore, the project is exempt from inter-agency review, and the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Division and will be available on the Division's website (https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/division-water-infrastructure/environmental-documents). This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the Division, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed in writing to Ms. Stephanie Suter, Deputy Director, Division of Water Infrastructure, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699. Alternatively, she can be reached via telephone at 919.707.9044 or via e-mail at stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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