

12. GRANT OPPORTUNITY DREWRYVILLE WATERWORKS

We are seeking your consideration in applying for a federal pass-through grant administered by the Virginia Department of Health to assist with improvements to the Drewryville community water system. The grant is for a maximum of \$150,000 and is structured as a forgivable loan with no local match requirements.

The Drewryville system was constructed in 1972 and subsequently acquired by Southampton County in 1986. It consists of one 8-inch diameter well drilled to a depth of approximately 240 feet with a 120 gpm submersible pump. The well discharges into a 2,060 pressurized hydropneumatic tank which flows into a distribution system consisting of 6, 4, and 2-inch waterlines. There are also eleven 2-inch blow-off hydrants on the system. It currently has 74 residential connections.

In 2006, we purchased a used 20,000 gallon ground storage tank from Christian & Pugh when it was taken out of service from a Suffolk subdivision. The tank has since been stored on site in Drewryville but never placed in service due to lack of funding. In addition, in 2009, we received a \$25,000 grant from VDH to install a second well for redundancy, which was drilled in August 2010, but never placed in service due to lack of funding.

We intend to pursue this funding to:

1. Complete a preliminary engineering report to assess current regulatory requirements and status of the system as it exists today, and then develop specific recommendations for improvements;
2. Develop plans and specifications to place the 2010 water well into service;
3. Develop plans and specifications to place the ground storage tank into service;
4. Install all necessary pumps, piping and controls to accomplish items 2 and 3 above.

Funding applications are due April 2. Please find a resolution attached for your consideration that will authorize us to pursue this opportunity.

MOTION REQUIRED

A motion is required to adopt the attached resolution.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator
FROM: Jon M. Mendenhall, Assistant County Administrator
SUBJECT: Drewryville PWS Proposed Upgrades
DATE: 3/7/12
ENCL: Supporting Resolution, Solicitation Cover Page
CC: File

Southampton County working in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has identified a funding opportunity to assist in upgrading the Drewryville Public Water Supply system. A summary of the funding opportunity is outlined below:

VDH Financial and Construction Assistance Programs (FCAP)

This funding opportunity is a pass-thru federal grant administered by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Health. Southampton County proposes to apply for the funding opportunity under the \$150,000.00 threshold to assist with public utility improvements to the Drewryville Public Water Supply including: erection of a ground mounted storage tank and appurtenances thereto. Financing for this funding opportunity is structured as a forgivable loan as outlined in the Solicitation Cover Page.

While this funding opportunity is competitive, the County has been in conversations with the local VDH office and believes that given the resiliency issues the need to upgrade the Drewryville PWS would make an application for funding rather competitive. It has been a pleasure working with our Department of Public Utilities and the Virginia Department of Health and I look forward to seeing our partnerships and our funding applications continuing to be fruitful in the future.



A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AND CERTIFYING A CDBG APPLICATION

WHEREAS, various State and Federal agencies provide funds for local governments to meet public health needs through the provision of safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health provides for and administers such funds for the Commonwealth of Virginia in a program known as the Financial and Construction Assistance Programs (FCAP); and

WHEREAS, the Financial and Construction Assistance Programs (FCAP) has funds available to public water systems to make necessary provisions for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Drewryville Public Water Supply is a small rural public water supply system; and

WHEREAS, the Drewryville Public Water Supply could be enhanced, improved, and otherwise made more resilient for the benefit of the water supply customers; and

WHEREAS, the Southampton County Board of Supervisors, working in partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia, finding it necessary and proper to do so, further intends to develop the partnerships already fruitfully established by continuing in like fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

That, Southampton County will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and ordinance pertaining to the project and to Federal and State funding opportunities pertaining thereto.

That, the County Administrator or his authorized representative is hereby authorized to develop, execute and file an application on behalf of Southampton County to appropriate Federal and State agencies to secure funds for improvements to the Drewryville Public Water Supply.

That, the County Administrator or his authorized representative is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate government agencies may request in connection to the Drewryville Public Water Supply; to make assurance and certifications to the same, and to execute such other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to further the application for Financial and Construction Assistance Programs (FCAP) funding.

Adopted this 26th day of March, 2012.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael W. Johnson, Clerk