

Post-Budget Approval Request

Your Name

Rob Mackie

Department

Infrastructure Services

Capital Project #

SS-25-0012

Approved Budget

290,000

Amount of Request

115,000

Procurement Bylaw in Compliance?

Yes

Has the Scope of Work Changed?

Yes

Proposed Funding Source:

Dvelepoment Charges Reserves

Severity of Completion

High

Description of Request/Rationale for Overage

Health and Safety Water Stream Fund (HSWS)

The Health and Safety Water Stream will help municipalities and First Nations build, expand or rehabilitate aging water, wastewater, stormwater, flood and erosion infrastructure. These projects will help preserve the current housing supply and protect communities during extreme weather events.

To be eligible for funding, projects must:

- Protect or maintain housing units that are otherwise compromised by health and safety risks
- Demonstrate that they will create climate resiliency and adaptation
- Be new construction, rehabilitation or expansion
- Have not started construction
- Have a clear start and end date
- Start no later than June 30, 2026, and must be completed by March 31, 2029
- Include capital components and may also include pre-construction planning and design work
- Be in the process of, or completed, the design and planning phase
- Meet all relevant provincial regulatory requirements and policy direction, as applicable

Projects will be cost shared between the applicants and the province. The province would fund a maximum of 73% (up to \$30 Millions) of eligible project costs, and the applicant would be required to fund all the remaining (a minimum of 27%) project costs.

Considering the criteria of the grant, the only project that would be applicable at this time is the upgrade of the Harrow Raw Sewage Pumping Station.

In the November of 2024 as part of the 2025 budget deliberations, Council approved \$290,000 for Pump Upgrades at the Harrow Raw Sewage Pumping station. This project was meant to address the additional sewage capacity needs from the Harrow Highschool development as well as provide additional wet weather capacity.

Further investigations have shown that to provide both sewage capacity and wet weather capacity upgrading both pumps from 70L/s to 120 L/s units will be required. This would require the electrical service and the electrical control components to be upgraded as well as the standby generator.

Alternatively, the impellers on the existing pumps could be upgraded to provide an additional 20-25 L/s, with no additional electrical needs. This option would only provide sewage capacity or wet weather capacity. This alternative can be achieved through the existing approved 2025 budget.

The \$115,000 additional funding request would complete the 27% funding requirement from the Town of Essex, if the application were to be successful.

Finance Use Only

CAO/Treasurer Sign-off

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Amount

Date of Council Report

Resolution

Thank You