

## Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: September 27, 2024

**To:** Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

From: Alicia Schwartz, Grants Manager

**Re:** Grants, Gifts, and Other Resources Report Through August 31, 2024

**Highlights:** Key activities to note in this month's report through August 31, 2024, includes the following.

- ✓ Water System Advisory Council Project (WSAC) The Great Lakes Water Authority has submitted a reimbursement request to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for \$20,787.23. Although the grant was awarded for \$25,000, not all funds were utilized due to the limited amount of time allowed to complete project activities.
- ✓ Department of Energy (DOE) Hydrothermal Liquification Grant With input from GLWA, the Department of Energy has submitted all required documentation for the Go/No Go decision to the Contracting Officer. A decision by DOE is expected by mid – October to determine next steps for this \$1 million award and project.
- ✓ State Revolving Fund (ARPA) Funded Project 7532-02 96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation Phase 2 – An additional \$1.7 million in reimbursement funding was received reflecting \$5.3 million to date or 33% of grant funding awarded.
- ✓ Items highlighted in yellow in the attached tables reflect changes from the prior report.

**Background:** The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to oversee and report on activities identified in the GLWA Articles of Incorporation related to solicitation and receipt of grants, gifts, and other resources <sup>(1)</sup> as stated in Article 4 – Powers, Section B (4):

(4) Solicit, receive, and accept gifts, grants, labor, loans, contributions of money, property, or other things of value, and other aid or payment from any federal, state, local, or intergovernmental government agency or from any other person or entity, public or private, upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Authority, or participate in any other way in a federal, state, local, or intergovernmental governmental governmental, state, local, or intergovernment program<sup>(2)</sup>.

<sup>(1)</sup> Other resources as referenced above refer to labor, contributions of money, property, or other things of value from any other person or entity, public or private with the exception for loans, subject to provisions of the GLWA Board Debt Management Policy, and Intergovernmental agreements and other activities that are addressed in the GLWA Board Procurement Policy.

<sup>(2)</sup> Participation in any other way in a federal, state local, or intergovernmental government program includes participation in research projects at universities.

GLWA's Grants, Gifts, and Other Resources Delegation Policy is online at <u>Grants, Gifts, and</u> <u>Other Resources Delegation Policy - GLWA (glwater.org)</u>.

**Analysis**: The tables in each section of this report present GLWA grant activity by each phase. As a grant moves through each phase, it is shown in the corresponding table.

The **pre-award** phase includes the process of applying for a grant and the period prior to the signing of the grant agreement between the awarding agency and GLWA.

The **award phase** reflects the period after the agreement is executed with the awarding agency. In this phase, GLWA becomes responsible for meeting the administrative, financial, and programmatic reporting requirements of the award.

The **post award** phase is the final stage of grant activity and includes final reporting requirements, auditing, and closeout. There are final financial and programmatic reports that must be submitted to formally close out the grant as defined in each grant agreement.

The **programs not awarded**, or **programs that GLWA will not continue to pursue** is a table that reflects programs that GLWA were not awarded, or alternatively, programs that will not continue to be pursued by GLWA.

Items of note related to each table include the following.

**Table 1 – Pre-Award Programs** reflects open submissions for FY 2023, FY 2024 and FY 2025 to date. The summarized activity provided identifies four earmark EPA Community Grants, one FEMA Flood project, two application submissions, and the I-94 Modernization Project grant which is in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to identify any environmental impacts related to the grant activities.

**Table 2 - Awarded Programs** reflects all open, awarded grants from FY 2021 through FY 2025. Current month summarized activity includes three award receipts related to local nonprofit apprenticeship grants, five reimbursement requests submitted for five associated FEMA Flood projects, one reimbursement received from a SRF ARPA funded project (7532-02), the Department of Energy grant in which one reimbursement request was submitted to the grantor, a flood study grant in which

we are required to track costs GLWA has incurred, and a reimbursement request for a mini, state-funded grant through EGLE.

**Table 3** – **Post Award Programs** there has been no post award activity for GLWA funds related to these programs have been received in full and the programs are in the process of being closed out, including any closeout reporting requirements.

**Table 4** –**Programs not awarded, or Programs that GLWA will not continue to pursue** is a table that reflects programs that GLWA were not awarded, or alternatively, programs that will not continue to be pursued by GLWA. No activity this month



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**Table 1 – Pre-Award Programs** reflects open submissions FY 2023, FY 2024 and FY 2025 to date. The Programs listed under this section do not have a grant agreement between the awarding agency and GLWA at this time, but the grant has been applied to or earmarked. The summarized activity below identifies four earmark EPA Community Grants, one FEMA Flood project, two application submissions and the I-94 Modernization Project grant which is in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to identify any environmental impacts related to the grant activities.

## Table 1 – Pre-Award Programs

Reference Number	Request Date	Program Description	Type of Activity	Amount to be Provided	Compliance and/or Performance Requirements	Status
2023-002	7/1/2022	FY2022 Environmental Protection Agency Community Grant – Detroit River Interceptor	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$2,000,000 (20% Cost Share)	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark
2023-003	7/1/2023	FY2023 Environmental Protection Agency Community Grant – PFAS Compounds remediations project	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$3,452,972 (20% Cost Share)	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark
2024-009		FY2024 Environmental Protection Agency Community Grant – Oakwood District Intercommunity Relief Sewer Modifications	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$959,752 (20% Cost Share)	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark
2024-010		FY2024 Environmental Protection Agency Community Grant – Conveyance System Infrastructure Improvements	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$959,752 (20% Cost Share)	Federal Audit Requirements	Earmark
2023-015		Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood, DR-4607 Project 670521 CAT-Z – Allocation of Management Costs	Federal pass- through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$50,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Grant Amount is Estimated

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2024-005	12/15/2023	Fiscal Year 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Project Scoping	Michigan State Police Application Submitted by GLWA	\$856,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Grant Amount is Estimated
2023-023	8/30/2023	I-94 Modernization Project	MDOT Federal pass- through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$34,400,000	Federal Audit Requirements	NEPA Review with the State of Michigan
2024-007		Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Fund Program	Application Submitted by GLWA	\$3,000,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Grant Amount is Estimated

**Table 2 Awarded Programs** reflects all open, awarded grants from FY 2021 through FY 2025. Current month summarized activity below includes three award receipts related to local nonprofit apprenticeship grants, five reimbursement requests submitted for five associated FEMA Flood projects, one reimbursement received from a SRF ARPA funded project (7532-02), the Department of Energy grant in which one reimbursement request was submitted to the grantor, a flood study grant in which we are required to track costs GLWA has incurred, and a reimbursement request for a mini, state-funded grant through EGLE.

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2022-004	2/23/2022	Water Technician Registered Apprenticeship Program- \$2,225 per apprentice, 25 apprentices	Macomb Community College Tuition (Nonprofit)	\$55,625	None	Ongoing No activity as of date for FY 2024
2021-012	9/21/2021	Michigan Industrial Cluster Approach (MICA 3.0) Apprenticeship Program - \$1,000 per apprentice, 45 apprentices	Focus Hope (Nonprofit)	\$45,000	None	Received \$24,000 in FY 2024
2024-003	7/7/2023	Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) Apprentices \$5,000 per apprentice; 9 apprentices	Detroit At Work (Nonprofit)	\$45,000	None	\$25,000 received in the month of August
2023-005	6/30/2024	Department of Energy – Hydrothermal Liquification Project	Federal Grant (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,000,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement request of \$176,240.05
2023-013	2/1/2024	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood, DR-4607 Project 714729 Outfalls	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$1,332,235	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement Request of \$275,167.40 submitted in February 2024
2023-022	2/1/2024	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood, DR-4607 Project 664811 Conner Creek Sewer System	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$8,888,277	Federal Audit Requirements	Disbursement Request of \$1,805,600 submitted in February 2024
<mark>2023-019</mark>	<mark>3/3/2021</mark>	American Rescue Plan – State Revolving Fund (ARPA) Funded Project 7532-02	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	<mark>\$16,057,500</mark>	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement Request of

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		96 Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation Phase 2 EGLE				<mark>\$5,313,988 received</mark> through August 2024
2023-012	5/22/2024	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood, DR-4607 Project 660110 – Obligated \$319,911 Fairview PS	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$319,911	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement Request of \$319,911 submitted in May 2024
2023-009	5/22/2024	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood, DR-4607 Project 660133 – Obligated \$80,129 Puritan Fenkell CSO	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$80,129	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement Request of \$80,129 submitted in May 2024
2023-010	5/22/2024	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), June 25-26 Flood, DR-4607 Project 660118 – Obligated \$180,000 WRRF	Federal pass-through State (Reimbursement Basis)	\$180,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement Request of \$180,000 submitted in May 2024
2024-011	7/2/2024	Southeast Michigan Flood Study	Federal (Cost Tracking)	\$1,500,000	Federal Audit Requirements	Agreement Signed
<mark>2024-013</mark>	7/1/2024	Water System Advisory Council Grant	Federal pass through - State (Reimbursement Basis)	<mark>\$25,000</mark>	Federal Audit Requirements	Reimbursement request of \$20,787.23 submitted in Aug 2024

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**Proposed Action**: Receive and file this report.