



City Council

Agenda Item

Subject: Authorization for the Chief Financial Officer to certify the City of Watertown has the financial capability to satisfy current Big Sioux Flood Control Study obligations and authorize Staff to sign future related documents.

Meeting: City Council - Aug 04 2025

From: Alan Stager, City Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On December 16th of 2024, Council approved an increase of \$350,000 to the local (non-fed) share of the Big Sioux Flood Control Study project's budget from \$900,000 to \$1,250,000. Also on December 16th of 2024, Council authorized a payment to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for \$185,000, bringing total payments to USACE for the project to \$1,085,000 and leaving remaining obligations of \$165,000.

However, the USACE was recently allotted \$700,000 for the Big Sioux Flood Control Study from the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (DRSAA) of 2025. \$350,000 of that is to be allocated to the City to cover the increase in local share that Council approved on December 16th of 2024. The attached document titled "Non-Federal Sponsor's Self-Certification of Financial Capability for Agreements" needs to be signed by the City's Chief Financial Officer and returned to USACE before USACE can begin the process required to receive and subsequently distribute the funding from the DRSAA.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The remaining obligation of \$165,000 is within budget for account 212.43280.43966. The pending funding from the DRSAA would cover that obligation and reimburse the City for the \$185,000 payment made to USACE in December of 2024.

OVERSIGHT / PROJECT RESPONSIBILITY:

Justin Petersen, City Engineer

Kristen Bobzien, Chief Financial Officer

STAFF RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED MOTION:

Staff recommends authorization for the CFO to sign and submit the attached document with the following motion:

I move to authorize Kristen Bobzien, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Watertown, to sign the document entitled "Non-Federal Sponsor's Self-Certification of Financial Capability For Agreements"

and submit to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Big Sioux Flood Control Study, Project No. 2118, certifying that the City of Watertown has the financial capability to satisfy its remaining budget obligation of \$165,000 and authorize Staff to sign future related documents.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Watertown NFS Self-CertificationFinancialCapability](#)

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR'S
SELF-CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL CAPABILITY
FOR AGREEMENTS**

I, _____, do hereby certify that I am the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Watertown, SD (the "Non-Federal Sponsor"); that I am aware of the financial obligations of the Non-Federal Sponsor for the Watertown, SD Flood Risk Management Study; and that the Non-Federal Sponsor has the financial capability to satisfy the Non-Federal Sponsor's obligations under the General Investigation (GI) program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have made and executed this certification this _____ day of _____, _____.

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____