

City of Bethel Action Memorandum

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Date action introduced:	April 24, 2018	Introduced by:	Peter Williams, City Manager
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Confirmed by:	LS		

Action Title: Direct Administration to prepare and submit a 2018 Application for Planning Project Funding to the State of Alaska, Village Safe Water Program, to request \$25,000 to update the *Preliminary Engineer Report for Water Loops A, B & C (April 2013)*.

Attachment(s):

Department/Individual:	Initials:	Remarks:
Administration / Peter Williams	<i>PW</i>	<i>Recommend</i>
Finance / Jim Chevigny	<i>JC</i>	
Public Works / Bill Arnold	<i>BA</i>	<i>Er BA</i>
Amount of fiscal impact:	Account information:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	No fiscal impact at this time.	
	Funds in City Budget.	
	Requires funding in FY 2019 Budget.	

Summary Statement

The City of Bethel is eligible to apply for a Planning grant from the State of Alaska, Village Safe Water (VSW) Program. The maximum Planning grant to update an existing plan is \$25,000. Applications are due April 27, 2018.

City Administration, Bethel City Council, and the Bethel community are well aware of the problem of brown water that occasionally comes through the water pipes in Bethel Heights. The galvanization inside the pipes has worn off, allowing for iron to build up inside and be carried to people's homes. The pipes and related infrastructure have other problems known to the engineers and City's Utility Maintenance Division. The steel water pipes in use have exceeded their useful life and must be replaced.

The City used USDA-RD and VSW Pre-planning funds to have Larsen Consulting Group prepare the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report for Water Loops A, B & C (2013). For reasons unknown to the City, this planning document was never formally accepted by the VSW Program. The plan is over five years old and no longer allowed to serve as a valid plan for funding by VSW or USDA-RD. The City Administration notified City-engineer firm DOWL about the project and DOWL is willing to complete the Update for an amount close to \$25,000. The City will ensure the Update is accepted by VSW and USDA-RD.

If the City is awarded the grant, then DOWL will complete the Update and help the City sort out the issue of easements and right-of-ways. Once completed, the documents may be used by the City to apply for construction funding from VSW Program and USDA-RD.