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City of Hillsdale Awarded \$2 Million in Community Development Block Grant Water-Related Infrastructure Grant Funds

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Yesterday, Tuesday, Oct. 25, the City of Hillsdale was awarded a Community Development Block Grant Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) Grant to address critical infrastructure maintenance and improvements throughout the City of Hillsdale on the water main and sanitary sewer systems.

The WRI Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) will be used towards a combined water and sewer infrastructure project costing a total of \$2,680,000, including the City's matching funds. The proposed grant project will include the following items:

- **Water System:** Replacement of approximately 75 (12%) of the in-line shut off valves in the water main system. This work will include the installation of new valves and removal of the failed valves.
- **Sanitary Sewer System:** Replacement and/or cured-in-place lining of approximately 1.40 miles of sanitary sewer within the city.

“The WRI Grant will help move forward this project that otherwise wouldn’t be possible,” said David Mackie, Hillsdale City Manager. “We are very appreciative and proud of our collaborative relationship with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) Board, local residents and businesses.”

Under the terms of the WRI Grant, the City of Hillsdale is required to begin project work by the end of May 2023. City staff are currently working on engineering tasks and document development for the proposed project. The City will share additional information with the public about the full scope of the project to include starting date, work areas, and more, after project plans have been finalized.

Any questions about this grant award should be directed to David Mackie, City Manager at (517) 437-6444, or by emailing dmackie@cityofhillsdale.org.

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