



Public Works Utility Operations

DATE: January 23, 2024

FROM: Michelle Klose, Director Public Works Utilities

ITEM: Approval to Accept Wastewater Flows from the University of Mary

REQUEST:

Approval to accept wastewater flows from the University of Mary.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Bismarck, North Dakota, has been approached by the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, to regionalize its wastewater treatment system. The University of Mary is pursuing grant funding through FEMA's Fiscal Year 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. The University of Mary is seeking formal support and recognition of being a partner in this project. The University of Mary's connection is mainly residential service and Bismarck's Master Planning for the wastewater treatment plant has accounted for connection with the University of Mary. The existing treatment facilities are able to handle the flow and loading and this will benefit the system in balancing the City's commercial flows. We are requesting approval to accept wastewater flows from the university to support their federal funding.

If approved, grant funding would not be awarded until early 2025. In the event of an award, the City of Bismarck has no financial responsibility towards this project. The grant cost share is 75% federal/25% local, with the local share being paid in full by the University of Mary.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Approve to accept wastewater flows from the University of Mary.

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ATTACHMENTS:

None