

COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

Memorial City Hall
24 South Street
Auburn, New York 13021

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Christina J. Selvek, Dir. of Capital Projects

DATE: February 15, 2018

RE: Acceptance of Grant Funds from the NYS DOH for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Background:

The City of Auburn applied for and has received a Lead Service Line Replacement Program grant from New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) in the amount of \$698,134.00 under the NYS Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017.

These funds will be utilized to assist City Departments with the replacement of short sections of lead pipe often referred to as a leaded “gooseneck” that were installed in the early 1900s to make service connections when supplying water to customers. These connections are located primarily within the City of Auburn Right of Way. City staff is currently formulating the project work plan and budget for this program.

The City of Auburn was awarded these funds based upon three (3) NYS eligibility criteria: number of housing stock built prior to 1939, median household incomes and percentage of children with reported elevated blood levels. The NYS DOH Lead Service Line Replacement Program will begin March 1, 2018 and provide funding for a period of 2 years.

Fiscal Implications:

Acceptance of the NYS DOH Lead Service Line Replacement Program grant in the amount of \$698,134.00 towards the removal of lead pipe or connections within the City water system does not require a financial match from the City. However, City Planning, Engineering, Codes, Public Works and Municipal Utilities staff time will be needed to administer the grant agreement and program work plan to comply with municipal procurement and grant compliance requirements.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information