RE: APPROVAL OF A STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUND & ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has prioritized stormwater infrastructure improvements as a preferred strategy to mitigate flooding, improve resiliency and protect water quality; and

WHEREAS, more frequent heavy downpours have led to an increased demand for stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, local municipal governments often lack the financial resources to invest in stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, municipal stormwater infrastructure grants benefit all residents of La Crosse County; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County was allocated $22,923,224 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Board has reserved $2,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funding for the “Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Fund” (by Resolution No.55-1-22).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves this stormwater infrastructure grant fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board allocates $2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to the Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee shall serve as the oversight committee overseeing final program guidelines for operation of a Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, County Board Chair, Finance Director and County Clerk are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this resolution subject to approval as to form by the County Corporation Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if funds are not obligated to projects through the Stormwater Infrastructure Grant Program by the end of 2024, the County Board may reallocate the remaining funds to another American Rescue Plan Act eligible use of funds.

FISCAL NOTE: Grants through this program shall be paid from division 295.770.3744 within the County financial system. Account 60807 Storm Water.

Date: 7/13/22

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Reviewed Only
Co. Admin.
Fin. Director
Corp Counsel
Board Chair

Recommended
Not Recommended
Requested By: Matt Hanewall
Date Requested: July 5, 2022
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 21st Day of July, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE
I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County, do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 21st day of July 2022.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk