



# City Council Report

**Date:** September 9, 2024  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Marc Heirshberg, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Kathy Macdonald, Water Resources Planning Advisor  
**Subject:** Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to accept and administer Community Project grant funds in the amount of \$800,000 for the City's Smart Meter Project. Citywide

## Purpose and Recommendation

The requested resolution will authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency to accept and administer Community Project grant funds in the amount of \$800,000.

## Background

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency made available Community Project Grant funding.

The City of Mesa applied for and was awarded \$800,000 in Community Project Grant Funding for its Smart Water Meters Project.

The awarded federal funding for the City of Mesa Smart Meters Project will assist in acquiring approximately 9,560  $\frac{3}{4}$ " smart meters to be connected to properties in Mesa, which will help enhance customer stewardship of water consumption while realizing cost savings and resource efficiency.

## Discussion

The EPA Community Project Grants require a \$200,000 match from the City. Match for this grant will come from Water Utility Revenue Obligations.

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**Alternatives**

The only alternative to authorizing this grant award acceptance is to deny it. Such action would negate the grant award.

**Fiscal Impact**

This grant award will provide \$800,000 to support the City in its goal to upgrade to Smart Water Meters for the purpose of reducing waste and conserving water, a critical resource.

There is a match requirement of \$200,000. The City will use Water Utility Revenue Obligations funds to meet this requirement.

Overall operations and maintenance expenses will not increase due to this grant.

**Coordinated With**

Staff is coordinating with the Grants Coordinator, City Attorney, and Water Resources departments to ensure the success of this grant project.