



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

**FEB 27 2020**

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Ms. Clark, Director  
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
Constitution Hall  
525 West Allegan Street  
PO Box 30473  
Lansing, MI 48909

The Honorable Sheldon A. Neely, Mayor  
City of Flint  
1101 South Saginaw Street  
Flint, MI 48502

Dear Director Clark and Mayor Neely:

The letter is a follow up to our discussion on February 27, 2020, regarding the status of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's March 17, 2017 award of \$100,000,000 in supplemental Drinking Water State Revolving Funds to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), as authorized under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act. These federal funds, combined with the \$20,000,000 in required state match, were provided to address water infrastructure needs in the City.

As discussed during the call, these federal funds are available for the following approved projects: service line replacements, secondary water source main, Dort and Cedar storage/pumping improvements, the chemical feed building, northwest transmission main, water main replacement, meter replacement, water quality monitoring, as well as local assistance/capacity development. As of February 10, 2020, \$12,750,725 of the \$100,000,000 in federal funds had been drawn by EGLE to reimburse the City for eligible expenses. We encourage the City to submit eligible incurred costs to EGLE in order to ensure timely payments and for the City to advance the schedule of the remaining projects in order to complete work during the project period of the grant which ends December 31, 2021. We also encourage the City to submit the documents required by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to EGLE so that costs are eligible for reimbursement.

In addition, EPA recommends the City work with EGLE to confirm schedules and expedite the construction of the identified projects to continue to make needed improvements to the City's water infrastructure.

If you have any questions about the use of these funds or need assistance from EPA, please do not hesitate to contact me or Steve Marquardt at (312) 353-3214.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Short, Jr.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas R. Short, Jr.  
Acting Director, Water Division

cc via email: Ms. Amy Epkey, Deputy Director, EGLE  
Ms. Kelly Green, Administrator, EGLE  
Mr. Robert Bincsik, Director, City of Flint  
Mr. Brian Larkin, Chief of Staff, City of Flint  
Mr. Clyde Edwards, City Administrator, City of Flint  
Ms. Angela Wheeler, City Attorney, City of Flint