

RESOLUTION NO. 20-___

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BILLINGS TO APPLY FOR A FY2023 FEDERAL BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
SMALL SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROJECT GRANT FOR THE BILLINGS WATER SUPPLY
RESILIENCY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Reclamation has formally announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity to apply for \$20 million in discretionary grant funding through the Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects Program; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Year 2023 Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects grants are for promotion of federal assistance to enhance water storage opportunities for future generations in support of the Department's priorities; and

WHEREAS, The City of Billings has reviewed the qualifying and ranking criteria to apply for these grant funds and based on these criteria, determined the Billings Water Supply Resiliency Project proposed is eligible for the Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage grant; and

WHEREAS, The City of Billings City Council has adopted a Capital Improvement Plan for long-range infrastructure programming that includes construction of the Billings Water Supply Resiliency Project; and

WHEREAS, The City of Billings City Council has adopted the Billings Water Supply Resiliency Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, The City of Billings City Council represents an eligible applicant entity and has legal authority to enter into a grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, The City of Billings City Council has reviewed and supports the application submission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Billings City Council understands the match commitment and is capable of providing the required cash and/or in-kind contributions as specified; and

WHEREAS, the City of Billings will work with Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The City of Billings City Council approves this Resolution to submit for a FY2023 Bureau of Reclamations Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage grant for the City of Billings, Montana:

APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Billings this ____ day of November, 2022

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: _____

WILLIAM A. COLE, MAYOR

ATTEST BY: _____

DENISE BOHLMAN, CITY CLERK