



TOWN OF ULYSSES

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Maureen A. Coleman, Esq., Acting
President and CEO and General Counsel
Environmental Facilities Corporation
625 Broadway Suite 7
Albany, New York 12207

Dear President Coleman,

The Town of Ulysses was awarded a WIIA grant of \$188,880 for Project #18217 through the NYS Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program towards a water quality project costing \$314,800 to install an aerator in our Town's water tank to reduce chlorine bi-products to levels that comply with Health Department standards.

On November 8, 2019 we received a letter dated Nov. 4, 2019 with the complete set of financing documentation acknowledging the closing of this financing. I am writing to confirm whether New York State plans to honor this fully executive contract. We are days away from receiving and awarding bids to a contractor to install the aerator based on a timetable set forth in our application and approved contract.

We have heard that reimbursement draws would not be paid on this grant and our Town needs assurances about whether the State intends to reimburse the Town for the grant's share of expenses as outlined in the approved contract #18217. If EFC and New York State intend to honor the grant but delay the payments, we would need to know that also, so that we can completely change our financing plans.

The Tompkins County Department of Health oversees our water quality compliance and has been adamant that remediation occur as soon as possible. The users in this water district have waited long enough for relief and we are eager to begin the project but need assurances that we will be fully reimbursed for approved expenses, which we understand were encumbered when our application was approved and our contract was executed.

We understand the fiscal plight of New York State related to COVID-19. The Town is similarly affected. Please reply in writing at your earliest convenience so that we can make decisions at the local level on whether and when to begin the project.

Thank you very much,

Nancy B. Zahler, Supervisor
Town of Ulysses

Cc Derek Sellman, EFC Deputy Counsel
 NYS Senator Thomas O'Mara
 NYS Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton
 Project Manager, Bill Davis, MRB Associates
 Deputy Supervisor, Michelle Wright
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