

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 24-248

Pertaining to a Source Water Protection Plan Implementation Grant application to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to fund the development of an ArcGIS Story Map that will fulfill several SPRWS Wellhead Protection Plan management strategies.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: Energy and Water Resource Sustainability

In order to protect groundwater resources, SPRWS developed a Wellhead Protection Plan that was approved by MDH in 2022. This plan includes thirty-nine management strategies to be implemented over the next ten years. SPRWS is planning on applying for a Source Water Protection Plan Implementation grant administered by MDH. This grant would help fund the implementation of several management strategies centered around public education.

Public education would be achieved via the development of a publicly available ArcGIS Story Map that would educate, promote, and provide best management strategies for wellhead protection principals and potential groundwater contaminant sources.

MDH offers Source Water Protection Plan Implementation grants to support the implementation of approved wellhead protection plans. The minimum and maximum amount awarded for this grant are \$1,000 and \$10,000, respectively. There is no fund-matching requirement. Grants are awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Applications are accepted annually, during the months of March and September.

If approved, a consultant will be hired to perform the work defined in the grant and outlined in the scope of work in the attached consultant proposal. The total cost of the work is estimated at \$10,000. The Board is responsible for any amount over \$10,000.

See attached for the consultant proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval