

## **SUBJECT**

### **BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 25-452**

Pertaining to a grant application to the Metropolitan Council Clean Water Fund to continue a water demand reduction program.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:** Energy and Water Resource Sustainability

The Metropolitan Council has been appropriated funds from the State of Minnesota Clean Water Fund to encourage implementation of water demand reduction measures. The Met Council intends to use a portion of those funds for a Water Efficiency Grant Program focused on equity to support technical and behavioral changes in underserved and disproportionately burdened communities.

Staff is seeking approval to apply for a grant in the amount not to exceed \$75,000 from this fund. This money can be used to offer rebates or grants to Board customers who replace existing toilets with more efficient US EPA WaterSense labeled toilets.

Grant payments from the Metropolitan Council to the Board are to be 100% of the approved program amounts. There is no requirement for municipalities to contribute a local match, and grant programs will operate at no cost to the customers of the Board. The Board would be responsible for the design and operation of its program and its details.

This resolution will authorize staff to apply for the grant funds. If the application is approved, staff will present a Grant Agreement to the Board at a later date for its consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approval