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Birmingham to Receive 1.3 Million in Grant Funding for Sewer Rehabilitation Program

BIRMINGHAM, MI, January 17, 2023 – The City of Birmingham will receive grant funding through the Omnibus Spending Bill in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 for its Combined Sewer System Critical Rehabilitation Program Project. Birmingham is one of 15 communities included in bill, which was recently secured by Congresswoman Haley Stevens.

Last year, Assistant City Manager Melissa Fairbairn submitted the city’s sewer rehabilitation project for consideration in Congresswoman Stevens’ Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding requests. In addition to preparing the project documentation, 15 letters of support from community leaders were submitted with the application.

“This grant will allow the city to complete needed repairs and rehabilitation of our combined and sanitary sewer system, which is considered a critical infrastructure project for the health and well-being of those living and working in the City of Birmingham,” said Fairbairn.

The funds will go toward the rehabilitation of the existing sewers to extend their useful life. Approximately 150 sewer segments, over a total length of nearly 9 miles (approximately 10% of the sewer system) were identified as needing critical repairs and will be addressed through this funding. Sewer rehabilitation work could include: removal of accumulated debris or sediment, sewer lining, root mass removals, mineral deposit removals, and excavation and pipe replacement of the most severely deteriorated sections.

“This project will benefit the residents of Birmingham by improving the efficacy and reliability of their sewer system,” said Birmingham City Manager, Tom Markus. “The project will maximize the conveyance of flows throughout the system using various rehabilitation methods to address the identified issues.”

The city appreciates the hard work of Congresswoman Stevens and looks forward to continued sewer system improvements later this year.

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