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Cumberland **County**
POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM

TO:	Board of County Commissioners
FROM:	Sandra Warren, Compliance and Audit Manager
DATE:	03/11/2025
SUBJECT:	Request for Transfer of Contingency Funds, North Windham Wastewater Treatment System Project

Requested Action: Approval of the Cumberland County Commissioners to authorize the transfer of \$1.2 million in contingency funds from the Municipal Water and Sewer Infrastructure allocation to the North Windham Wastewater Treatment System Project.

Background & Purpose of Request: The North Windham Wastewater Treatment System Project is a key initiative aimed at improving wastewater management, supporting economic development, and addressing environmental concerns in North Windham. This project aligns with the County’s strategic goals of sustainable infrastructure development and compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

This request represents a responsible and necessary financial decision to support a critical infrastructure project in Cumberland County. The current balance of the Municipal Water and Sewer Infrastructure Contingency Fund is sufficient to accommodate this transfer without negatively impacting other planned uses. The \$1.2 million transfer represents a strategic allocation of contingency reserves, ensuring that the funds are utilized effectively for a project that directly benefits the community. This transfer does not affect the County’s overall budget but rather reallocates existing resources to meet urgent infrastructure needs.

The reallocation of contingency funds to the North Windham Wastewater Treatment System Project will serve as a catalyst to support additional ancillary projects initiated by the Town, which will have a ripple effect on the County administration, enhancing infrastructure and operational efficiency across multiple jurisdictions. Additionally, this transfer is consistent with Cumberland County’s broader infrastructure investment goals and supports the well-being of the residents and businesses in the region.

The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Program, established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), allows for investments in water and sewer infrastructure as an eligible use of funds. This transfer aligns with SLFRF guidelines, which permit funding for projects that improve access to clean water, promote economic growth, and support resilient and sustainable communities. The North Windham Wastewater Treatment System Project meets these criteria by addressing critical infrastructure needs while supporting economic and environmental priorities in the region.

Funding Amount and Source:

- Amount: \$1,200,000.00
- Source: All funding is from the Water & Sewer Infrastructure Category of SLRFL funds.

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Effective Date:

03/17/2025

Attachments:

Contingency Fund Balance Statement