



# **NORTH CAROLINA STATE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY**

## **DRAFT May 1, 2014 Report to:**

- **Environmental Review Commission**
- **Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources**
- **House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources**
- **Fiscal Research Division**

**Agenda Item H**

**State Water Infrastructure Authority Meeting**

**March 2014**

# Background

- Session Law that created SWIA requires a report no later than May 1, 2014:
  - On the distribution of grant funds awarded under NCGS Chapter 159G (from the State Reserve Grant Program)
  - Whether changes are needed to the existing State Grant Reserve Program or other available grant programs
  - To better facilitate the dissemination of funds and meet the project needs of rural, economically distressed local governments

# Suggestions for Report

- State Reserve Grant Program applications deadline – April 1
- SWIA will review the application information on May 12
- For May 1 report:
  - Not possible to include information about grant funds
  - Suggest describing other accomplishments and loans awarded
- Blanks in the draft report can be filled after April 1

# Report Outline

- I. SWIA Information
- II. State Reserve Grant Program
- III. Grant Applications
- IV. May 1 Report
- V. SWIA's Other Accomplishments

# I. SWIA Information

- Session Law cite
- Members information
- SWIA powers and duties

## II. State Reserve Grant Program

- State grants (SL 2013-360)
  - For drinking water and wastewater projects only
  - SFY 2013 Budget - \$3.5 million
- Technical Assistance (TAG) and High Unit Cost (HUC)
- Applicant Eligibilities
  - Units of local government only
  - Tier 1 and 2 counties
  - High Unit Cost threshold (rates/MHI)
  - To extent that other funding sources not reasonably available

# III. Grant Applications

- SWIA established priority rating systems for drinking water and wastewater projects
- Training workshop – 26 attendees

## IV. May 1 Report

- Session Law cite
- Issue regarding May 1 report and May 12 funding actions
- **Amend report after taking action on grant awards on May 12**
- **“SWIA will utilize the results in this grant cycle to determine if any changes are needed to the existing programs”**



# V. SWIA's Other Accomplishments

- Information gathering
  - Funding programs
  - Infrastructure needs
  - Utility management
  - Public Private Partnerships
  - Local Government Commission oversight
  - Financial management of NC's utilities

# V. SWIA's Other Accomplishments

- SWIA actions
  - Approved over \$140 million in CWSRF and DWSRF funding for 42 projects in 36 communities in 32 counties
  - Approved priorities for all funding programs

# Report Review

- Questions
- Comments
- Anything to add
- Anything to delete

# SWIA Action Item

1. Approve report for submittal by staff by May 1, 2014 with staff to:
  - Fill in blanks for number of grant requests and total dollar amount of requests after April 1, 2014
  - Update Section V.C. to reflect actions at today's meeting
2. Approve amending report after May 12, 2014 SWIA meeting to include grant funding decisions