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Hi Bonnie,

Sorry for not getting back to you sooner. I have attached a guidance document with detailed information regarding procurement of engineering services for CWF projects (Please disregard my scribbles!). Our program would cover 55% of eligible projects costs through a planning grant with the town covering the balance.

Once the QBS process has been completed by selecting an engineering firm. A professional services agreement between the town and the selected firm along with a scope of work (SOW), detailed schedule and man hour estimate should be developed (in draft form). Our Office would review and approve these documents for completeness and to ensure that the proposed SOW meets a level of effort consistent with a project at the planning phase level. For this specific project, it will be important to coordinate with DEEP's subsurface unit (Mike Hart's group). I briefed Mike yesterday about this proposal

To address your question relative to "...100% state funding for sewer lines and plants available to towns". While there is certainly state funding available for covering municipal wastewater infrastructure projects, DEEP is required per state statute to follow a priority list system which is updated every two years. To give you a brief summary on how this system works; municipalities submit to us their wastewater project needs every two years, our office ranks these projects based on a predetermined criteria. There are normally more project demands than funding available to cover those demands based on each year's capital budget availability. The level of financial support from our program will also vary depending on the type of project (e.g. Denitrification projects for wastewater treatment plants, separation of combined sewers a.k.a CSOs, small community grants). There are other type of "smaller" projects that are funded through a funding reserve each year such as planning projects.

Funding works through a combination of grants and loans (20 year @ 2%) to cover eligible projects costs. However, as implied above, please keep in mind that planning projects are grant-only with no corresponding loan. My suggestion at this juncture would be to start working on the funding application ASAP and work on hiring the engineering firm following the QBS process. I will certainly provide you with more detailed information relative to

funding availability for the design/ construction phases of the project, should the planning study determine that the project is economically and technically feasible. I have also attached a funding request application for your use.

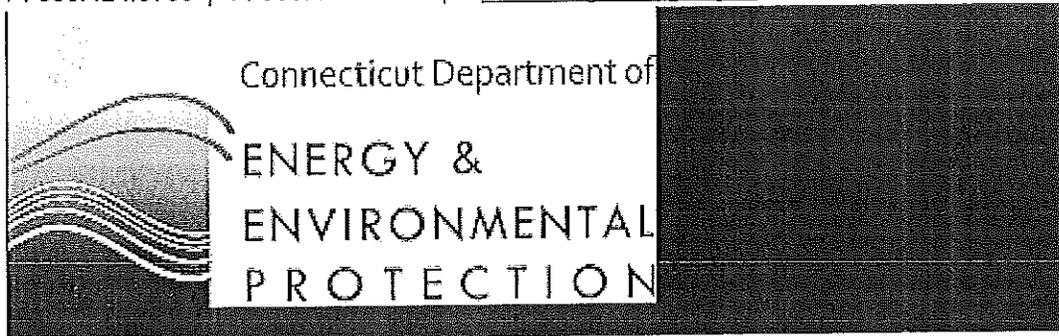
Lastly and as it was mentioned at the meeting, Attorney Lord should also be able to provide guidance through out this whole process.

Hope this helps and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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