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Cc: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: RE: Grant

I don't recall either grant being related to "the existence of lead and copper pipes, and the impact...of Flint River water" (Nancy's words) as neither had surfaced as an issue that I am aware of. Brad?

The grants...which the City submitted applications for (which I do not have access to tonight)...were to be used for exactly what was described in the Gov's release:

\$1.1 million for water system enhancement through improved waste management and \$900k for system enhancement through leak detection and pipe assessments.

The other \$2.24 million you are asking about came from the state-approved (Treasury & DEQ) restructuring of Flint's Drinking Water Revolving Fund loans. The restructuring saved the city the \$2.24m...with \$1.5m used to pay for the installation of a Granulated Active Charcoal filter (GAC) at the Water Treatment Plant.

Below is a section from the Flint Water TPs distributed in late January-early February 2015.

The City has received significant financial assistance through both grant programs and bond restructuring initiatives administered by the MI Department of Treasury. This financial assistance has allowed the City to replace miles of aged pipeline and begin efforts to install a specialized filter at the Water Treatment Plant.

In February, Flint was awarded a total of \$2 million through two Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grants. \$1.1 million was awarded for water system enhancements through improved waste management while \$900,000 was awarded for water system enhancements through leak detection and pipe assessments.

On April 8th, the City announced that it was moving forward with a series of actions to ensure the continued safety of Flint drinking water and address issues of discoloration and odor. The most significant step will be the installation of a Granulated Active Charcoal filter (GAC) at the Water Treatment Plant. The GAC filter will help block or eliminate the formation of TTHM during the filtration process.

A contract for the filter installation was approved by the State Treasurer with the project targeted for completion by mid-July. The \$1.5 million project will be funded with proceeds from the state-approved restructuring of Flint's Drinking Water Revolving Fund loans (\$2.24 million).

The City is undertaking a number of other improvements to the water system including the acceleration of valve replacements, targeted hydrant flushing, the replacement of two miles of water main in a critical area of the city, and acceleration of the project to automate plant operations.

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I'm a little confused about this press release ... it sounds like the majority of that grant is to replace an incinerator, and \$900k is create a map of leaks in pipes so that the city can prioritize repair, and provide a pipe thickness assessment that will contribute to the city's water main replacement program ... was any of this directly prompted by the existence of lead and copper pipes, and the impact to those pipes of the more-corrosive Flint River water?

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Here's one example of the funding that has been allocated:

http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-346722--,00.html