



## Legislation Text

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**1. BACKGROUND:** The Ohio EPA requires this legislation which authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to apply for and execute up to sixty-three (63) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) loan agreements in 2022, totaling approximately \$695 million, for the construction of sixty-three Sanitary, Stormwater, and Treatment Engineering Capital Improvement Projects as identified in Section 1., under the direction of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage (DOSD). This loan program is jointly administered by the Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). The WPCLF Loan Fund program provides below-market interest rate loans for municipal Wastewater and Stormwater system improvements.

**2. FISCAL IMPACT:** There is sufficient budget authority in the 2022 Sewer Systems and Stormwater Operating Funds for the loan application fee expenditures. These loans will be paid off over a 20-year period from Sewerage System and Stormwater rates (dedicated source of repayment). Sewerage System and Stormwater rate increases have been projected and planned in anticipation of these projects and loans.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to apply for, accept, and enter into up to sixty-three (63) Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to sixty-three Division of Sewerage and Drainage construction projects; and to designate a dedicated source of repayment for the loans. **(AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2626-2022 PASSED 10/24/2022) BA (AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2784-2022 PASSED 11/07/2022) BA (AMENDED BY ORD 2971-2022 PASSED 11/14/2022 BA)**

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Utilities is scheduled to prepare loan applications for up to \$695 million in financing, for submittal to the Ohio EPA under the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program to finance, through below-market interest rate loans, the construction of up to sixty-three capital improvements projects under the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, which said financial assistance may be of help in reducing total project costs to the City's Sewerage and Stormwater customers; and

**WHEREAS,** prior to WPLCF loan agreement approval by the Ohio Water Development Authority, the WPCLF loan application and loan agreement documents require the City to submit to the Ohio EPA a certified copy of approved City Council legislation authorizing the Director of the Public Utilities Department to apply for and subsequently execute said WPCLF agreements, and to authorize a dedicated source of loan repayment for the loans; and

**WHEREAS,** it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to apply for, accept and enter into WPCLF loan agreements with Ohio Water Development Authority and submit a copy of this legislation to the Ohio EPA prior to the OWDA board's consideration for approval as part of the loan agreements' approval process; **now, therefore**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to apply for, accept, and enter into up to sixty-three (63) Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreements with the Ohio Water Development Authority and the

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, for the financing of up to sixty-three Division of Sewerage and Drainage projects as described with the "not to exceed" project costs listed below:

1	610050-100000	Fountain Square Stormwater System Improvements	\$5,500,000.00
2	610739-100000	Petzinger Rd. Stormwater System Improvements	\$2,000,000.00
3	610782-100000	Linworth Rd./Meeklynn Dr. Stormwater System Improvements	\$2,000,000.00
4	610785-100000	Linden Neighborhood Stormwater System Improvements - Phase 2	\$3,000,000.00
5	610910-100001	Franklinton Area Stormwater System Improvements	\$38,000,000.00
6	611021-100000	Fairwood Facility (SMOC) Stormwater Improvements	\$4,500,000.00
7	611037-100000	Krieger Court Stormwater System Improvements	\$3,500,000.00
8	611038-100001	Twin Lakes Dam Rehabilitation	\$7,500,000.00
9	611038-100002	Greenlawn Dam Rehabilitation	\$3,500,000.00
10	611709-100000	Floodwall Closure Evaluations	\$13,500,000.00
11	611720-100000	Storm Sewer Lining Project	\$6,500,000.00
12	650009-100005	Alum Creek Area Subtrunk Sewer Upsizing & Rehabilitation	\$2,000,000.00
13	650033-100002	Big Walnut Trunk Extension - Phase 2	\$107,000,000.00
14	650033-100003	Central College Subtrunk Extension, Phase 3	\$44,000,000.00
15	650034-100008	Blacklick Air Quality Control Facility	\$6,000,000.00
16	650252-100010	JPWWTP Screenings Improvements Project	\$14,000,000.00
17	650260-103004	SWWTP Boiler System Operational Improvements	\$1,000,000.00
18	650260-103012	SWWTP ERC/FRC MMC Replacement	\$3,000,000.00
19	650260-103013	SWWTP SW Switching Station Switchgear Replacement	\$2,000,000.00
20	650265-100111	SWWTP Phase 2 East Primary Clarifier, Admin Bldg, Lab HVAC	\$2,000,000.00
21	650352-100007	SWWTP Main Drain Alternative Pipe Route	\$4,000,000.00
22	650353-100003	SWWTP Digestion Process Expansion	\$27,500,000.00
23	650354-100000	SWWTP Post Aeration Diffuser Replacement	\$13,000,000.00
24	650372-100000	SWWTP EAC HVAC & Air Purification	\$4,000,000.00
25	650375-100002	Compost Odor Control	\$6,000,000.00
26	650404-100048	2021 Annual Lining Contract	\$6,500,000.00
27	650404-100049	2022 Annual Lining Contract	\$66,500,000.00
28	650491-100007	Intermodal Sanitary Subtrunk Extension	\$42,500,000.00
29	650491-100008	Rickenbacker Intermodal Sanitary Sewer Extension	\$6,000,000.00
30	650725-100004	Alum Creek Trunk - South (Phase 1) Rehabilitation	\$19,000,000.00
31	650725-100011	Blacklick Creek Trunk - South (Phase 1) Rehabilitation	\$8,000,000.00
32	650725-100017	Near North & East Large Diameter - Phase 2 - Iuka Park	\$8,000,000.00
33	650763-100000	Moler Street Overflow Interceptor Sewer	\$34,000,000.00
34	650768-100003	Third Ave Relief Sewer - Phase 3	\$4,500,000.00
35	650790-100000	Inflow Redirection - Noble & 4th Street	\$1,000,000.00
36	650790-113180	Kerr/Russell Inflow Redirection	\$4,000,000.00
37	650860-116300	Second Barrel Interconnector Augmentation	\$8,000,000.00
38	650860-222190	Upsize Sewer Project ID 2 Near South	\$2,000,000.00

39	650860-322190	Upsize Sewer Pipes ID 3 Near South	\$1,000,000.00
40	650870-100701	Blueprint Linden - Green Infrastructure - Hudson/McGuffey	\$8,500,000.00
41	650870-100706	TSS Regional Bioretention Basins	\$8,500,000.00
42	650870-100801	Blueprint Hilltop - Green Infrastructure - Palmetto/Westgate	\$3,000,000.00
43	650870-100802	Blueprint Hilltop - Green Infrastructure - Eureka/Fremont	\$10,000,000.00
44	650870-101202	Blueprint Miller-Kelton - Green Infrastructure - Kent/Fairwood	\$7,000,000.00
45	650870-109151	Blueprint 5th by Northwest - Green Infrastructure - Sunirse/Glenn	\$8,500,000.00
46	650870-115153	Blueprint Hilltop 4 - Green Infrastructure - Highland/Harris	\$6,500,000.00
47	650870-153001	Blueprint Hilltop - Permeable Pavers - Palmetto/Westgate	\$12,500,000.00
48	650870-153002	Blueprint Hilltop 1 - Permeable Pavers - Eureka/Fremont	\$9,500,000.00
49	650870-162002	Blueprint Miller-Kelton - Permeable Pavers - Kent/Fairwood	\$9,500,000.00
50	650871-141001	Blueprint North Linden 1 - Roof Redirection - Agler/Berrell	\$6,500,000.00
51	650871-141002	Blueprint North Linden 1 - Roof Redirection - Artane/Parkwood	\$5,000,000.00
52	650871-141003	Blueprint North Linden 1 - Roof Redirection - Oakland Park Area 1	\$3,500,000.00
53	650871-141004	Blueprint North Linden 1 - Roof Redirection - Oakland Park Area 2	\$4,500,000.00
54	650872-141001	Blueprint North Linden 1 - Lateral Lining - Agler/Berrell	\$6,000,000.00
55	650872-141002	Blueprint North Linden 1 - Lateral Lining - Artane/Parkwood	\$5,000,000.00
56	650872-141003	Blueprint North Linden 1 - Lateral Lining - Oakland Park/Medina	\$6,500,000.00
57	650872-141004	Blueprint North Linden 1 - Lateral Lining - Hudson/McGuffey	\$11,000,000.00
58	650886-100000	Scioto Main Sanitary Pump Station	\$14,500,000.00
59	650890-100000	Meeklynn Dr. Area Sanitary Sewer	\$2,000,000.00
60	650895-100002	Dyer/Lazar HSTS Elimination	\$3,500,000.00
61	650895-100003	Brooklyn/Cleveland HSTS Elimination Project	\$1,500,000.00
62	650895-100005	East Deshler/Barnett HSTS Elimination Project	\$1,000,000.00
63	650902-100000	Clinton Sewer District Number 3 Trunk Sewer Siphon Upgrade	\$2,500,000.00

**SECTION 2.** That Sewerage System Service Charges are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Sanitary and Treatment Engineering projects' Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loans.

**SECTION 3.** That Stormwater Fees are hereby authorized to be the dedicated source of repayment for the Stormwater projects' Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loans.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

**SECTION 5.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.