

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION

City of Grayling – Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Pursuant to Section 104 (g) of Title I, Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended CFDA 14.239

Grant Number MSC 225007-WRI	Project Title Sanitary Sewer Improvements WRI-2025	
Grantee Name and Address City of Grayling 1020 City Blvd Grayling MI 49738	Date of this Request April 2, 2026	
	Contact Person for Grantee Erich Podjaske	Phone Number 989-390-3102

PART 1. The recipient listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental conditions governing the use of the funding assistance for the following:

Program Activity/Project Description/Project Location

The project for which funds will be requested consists of the rehabilitation of approximately 18,856 linear feet of severely deteriorated sanitary sewer lines, identified as the highest-priority segments within the city's aging wastewater infrastructure. Many of these pipes are over 80 years old and were prioritized for repair based on condition assessments conducted during a comprehensive 2012 system evaluation.

The primary goal of the project is to restore the integrity of the sewer system by preventing exfiltration of untreated wastewater into the surrounding environment and infiltration of groundwater into the system, which can overload treatment capacity and increase operational costs. Rehabilitation will be achieved using Cured- In-Place Pipe (CIPP) lining, a trench less technology that minimizes surface disruption while extending the service life of the existing pipes. The roads to be serviced are Smith St, Vine St, Lake St, Ogemaw St, Ottawa St, Ionia St, Ingham St, Erie St, Plum St, Elm St, Park St, Maple St, Chestnut St, Spruce St, Penn insular St, Norway St, Burton Ct, and the alley south of N. James St. and west of Michigan Ave. The project will also include the inclusion of 32 manhole covers that will also be relined with CIPP technology.

Location(s) of Posted Notices

City of Grayling webpage and City Hall


PART 2. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY RESPONSIBLE ENTITY)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 and 24 CFR Part 58.6 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and actions that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity 	Title of Certifying Officer City Manager
Address of Certifying Officer City of Grayling 1020 City Blvd, Grayling MI 49738	Date signed April 2, 2026

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