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Sent:	Thursday, September 28, 2023 2:08 PM
То:	Kristen Graham (adpce.ad)
Subject:	RE: Proposed Amendment to CAO LIS 22-038

Ms. Kristen,

Some information to be aware of. We have applied for funding from ANRC with an understanding that the city would be eligible for "Forgiveness Funds" for the Sewer Plant Improvement Project last week. We requested financial documents from the city for this application. We did not receive them and the funding was denied because of this. I spoke with the funding agency and I was explained to that we could submit additional documents that were requested from the city again and they would consider the application. I requested it from the city, and they chose not to provide the necessary documents. Therefore, their application was denied permanently. They are extremely upset with us because the funding wasn't successful and the sewer plant is in such disarray, to say the least. They need funding assistance really bad but if they wont participate and or raise the rates above 10.00 a month, theres just not we can do.

After the conversation about the funding being denied again, the city has been extremely upset and upset with us about it as well. We didn't charge for the funding application and there are open invoices at the moment that need to be paid. I do not want the city and or the community to suffer because of our situation. If we could control the funding, we would have certainly approved the funds. They are only set for 100% grant and that's just not an option and they will not raise their utility rates. They were approved for a loan but declined. They have explained to us that they cannot afford a loan. As of the first quarter of this year, the city had more than 300k in grant funds in a checking account. Their plan was to attempt to pave the ballfield parking with those funds. We have worked on the sewer plant improvements for 5 years and have not charged for any of services in reference to it other than the PER which is not paid for but we were told to stop and find funding at ANRC.

Please let us know if we can assist or if you should need any further assistance. We have submitted our resignation letter to the city and have not a response.

Thank you for your time and efforts. Julie Whitmire, President Landmark Engineers

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Subject: Proposed Amendment to CAO LIS 22-038

Hello,

Please review the attached documents relating to the amendment for CAO LIS 22-038, the City of Melbourne [AR0020036, AFIN 33-00026]. Please return original, signed copy of the CAO Amendment and the City Council Resolution to me at this email address within 20 calendar days of this email.

Thank you,

KRISTEN GRAHAM

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