

**Title: Amendment 4 to State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement
WW4804C0 (OBFS)**

Meeting Date: May 11, 2026

Section: Business and Financial Services

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District: ALL

Fiscal Impact: No Fiscal Impact

Summary: The City has been the recipient of several Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans to help finance the construction of wastewater capital improvement projects. On January 22, 2024, City Council approved Loan Agreement WW4804C0, the first principal forgiveness loan received through the SRF program. Loan Agreement WW4804C0 funds a pilot test to demonstrate if the 374Water system, a super critical water oxidation system, is capable of destroying PFAS chemicals in biosolids. The principal forgiveness approach allows the loan to essentially serve as a grant since no payback will be required.

Amendment 1 was approved by City Council on February 24, 2025, to grant a time extension on the project funded by the loan to October 15, 2025. Amendment 2 to update the Federal language in Loan Agreement WW4804C0 as requested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was approved by City Council on May 19, 2025. Amendment 3 was approved by City Council on October 20, 2026, to increase the principal forgiveness award.

Amendment 4 is now proposed to extend the timeline for completion of planning activities from April 15, 2026, to October 15, 2026. Additional time is needed to prepare a facilities plan that is required in order to qualify for phase 2 of the principal forgiveness loan program. Phase 2 will fund the purchase and installation of technology that will enable the destruction of PFAS compounds in wastewater biosolids. FDEP considers the preparation of the facilities plan to be a planning expense that is eligible for reimbursement under the loan.

All other terms of the principal forgiveness loan remain the same, with the project award remaining at \$993,695, to be offset by the same amount in forgiven principal.



Recommended Action: Approve Amendment 4 to Loan Agreement WW4804C0 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute same, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's Office.