



City of Tampa Agenda Item Request

Department: Revenue and Finance

Council Regular

Submittal Date: 2/19/2026
Requested Meeting Date: 3/05/2026
Type of Request: Council Resolution
Contact: Hillary Paul X8572
Subject: A resolution approving a Letter of Agreement for co-funding by the City of Tampa for the Water Research Foundation Project #5380.

Resolution / Ordinance Title: A resolution approving a Letter of Agreement for co-funding by the City of Tampa for the Water Research Foundation Project #5380 titled, "Evaluating an innovative ion exchange process for co-treatment of dissolved organic matter and PFAS" authorizing execution by the Mayor and attestation by the city clerk; and providing an effective date (Part 1 of 2).

BACKGROUND:

The City of Tampa Water Department is collaborating with Carollo Engineers, Inc., Tampa Bay Water, Miami-Dade County, Southern Nevada Water Authority and American Water for Project #5380, funded in part by the Water Research Foundation's Tailored Collaboration program. The City will participate as the sponsoring utility and provide cash and in-kind services. The overall research project is estimated to cost \$390,610 in cash and in-kind services. The City will provide sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000.00) to WRF in support of WRF's Project #5380. The City of Tampa will also provide twenty-four thousand four hundred US dollars (\$24,400.00) in in-kind services for this project. The Letter of Agreement between the Water Research Foundation and the City is the mechanism by which the City provides Water Research Foundation with the cash and in-kind service commitment to support the project. For the City, the proposed research will build upon the previous and ongoing SIX pilot testing work and will provide a greater understanding on PFAS removal capabilities of SIX by testing different resins at bench scale. This proposed research is important to the Water Department and City of Tampa as it will further investigate opportunities for optimizing treatment processes and reducing operational costs.

FISCAL IMPACT: Yes

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This agreement provides funds in the amount of \$66,000 in match funds and \$24,400 in in-kind services between Water Research Foundation and the City of Tampa Water Department for the Water Research Foundation Ion Exchange Process Research Grant within the Water Operations Fund.

PROJECTED COSTS: 40400.244820.531002.1002937 - \$66,000 (Expenditure)

Water Operations Fund. Water Department. Other Professional Services. Water Research Foundation Ion Exchange Process Research Grant

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