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SUMMARY

- Appropriates \$10 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Public Works Commission for grants to local subdivisions for water and sewer system projects.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Appropriation for local water and sewer system projects

The bill appropriates \$10 million in FY 2020 from the General Revenue Fund to the Water and Sewer Emergency Fund, which the bill creates in the state treasury to be administered by the Public Works Commission. The Commission must use the funds to provide grants to local subdivisions for water and sewer system projects that the Director of the Public Works Commission determines are necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens. The bill requires the Commission to administer the grants in the same manner as emergency projects funded by the State Capital Improvements Fund,¹ which means the Director must consider the following factors:

1. The extent to which, if any, other existing infrastructure can be used by the applicant's residents in lieu of the infrastructure posing the threat;
2. The capacity of the applicant to meet the emergency through the use of its own financial resources or through financial assistance programs operated by other federal, state, or local agencies;
3. The degree to which the applicant is responsible for having created the emergency itself through neglect, inadequate maintenance, or failure to plan adequately for the

¹ R.C. 164.08, not in the bill.

evolution of hazardous infrastructure conditions that could reasonably have been predicted.²

Any funds not used during FY 2020 are reappropriated for FY 2021. The Director of Budget and Management must transfer any funds remaining at the end of FY 2021 back to the General Revenue Fund.³

HISTORY

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² Ohio Administrative Code 164-1-19, regarding emergency projects funded by the State Capital Improvements Fund.

³ Section 1.