AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.a

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COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 12, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Christopher Munyon, Community Redevelopment Agency

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: **DOWNTOWN CRA**

SUBJECT: Public Works Interdepartmental Funding Application - Downtown Infrastructure Development Project Phase 2

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approve

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?
No

Does this item require a public hearing?
No

EXPLANATION:

The City of Bradenton's Public Works and Utilities Department is requesting funding for Phase 2 of the Downtown Waterline project to address a critical infrastructure deficit in the urban core. The existing water distribution system, largely over 70 years old, is undersized and nearing the end of its useful life. With downtown population growth accelerating, recent and planned developments are projected to increase potable water demand by approximately one million gallons per day.

To bridge this gap, the department is requesting $1,600,000 in matching funds from the CRA to supplement an Economic Development Administration Grant. This funding will support the design and construction of a supplemental "looped" water system specifically designed to serve new developments, ensuring that public safety, fire flow requirements, and potable water access are maintained without compromising service to existing customers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Downtown CRA: $1,600,000

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Move to approve the Interdepartmental Application from Public Works for the Downtown Infrastructure Development Project Phase 2 in the amount up to $1,600,000.

ATTACHMENTS:
Public Works Interdepartmental Application - Downtown Infastructure Phase 2.pdf