



**To:** President and Members of the Munster Town Council

**From:** Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer

**Copy to:** Patricia L. Abbott, Controller  
Dustin C. Anderson, Town Manager

**Date:** February 7, 2022

**Subject:** Authorization to sign Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

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The Town of Munster seeks to provide as much information and opportunities for our residents who may need assistance to make their utility payment. The State of Indiana currently has funds through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program ("LIHWAP")("Water Program") will assist low-income households in maintaining or re-connecting to drinking water and wastewater services. Funds from this program will be used to cover and/or reduce arrearages, rates, and fees associated with reconnection, or prevent service disconnection of service for eligible households at or below 60% of the state median income (SMI). All funds distributed as part of this program will be paid directly to the water or wastewater utility on behalf of an eligible household.

This MOA governs the relationship between the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority ("IHCDA") and the Water and Wastewater Vendors that accept payments as part of the Water Program.

This MOA covers the term between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2023.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

By motion and roll call vote, approve the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Memorandum of Agreement for the Town of Munster to accept payment as a part of Indiana's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.