## City of College Place

Please see the attached letter requesting a 0.0% interest rate for CWSRF loan.

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## **Recipient Name**

Mr. Daniel Thompson State of Washington Department of Ecology Re: Public Comment – 2023 Draft Water Quality Funding Offer List

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am providing comment for the FY 2023 Draft Water Quality Funding Offer List. As it pertains to Application #WQC-2023-CoPIED-00138 College Place Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction I wish to request the State consider charging the applicant a **0.0%** interest rate on the Ioan portion. This state-mandated project of \$26 million dollars is quite expensive for a community with an annual budget across all funds totaling \$35 million dollars. The City only has 9,800 residents with a poverty rate of 15.5% and a household income of \$49,347 per most recent census figures. As it stands, this project will require the City to raise wastewater rates by over an additional 20% which will severely strain our already burdened population. Providing the Ioan portion at **0.0%** interest will help provide some assistance to our financially burdened community.

The Warmest Regards,

Michael Rizzitiello CITY ADMINISTRATOR

