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Jeremy,

Your request for the Fairmont (Women's Club) Subsidence emergency is approved. Please follow all emergency procedures outlined in the Purchasing Division Handbook and return the Purchase order to this office within 30 days of this approval for posting.

Thank you,

[Purchasing Memo - Fairmont \(Women's Club\) Subsidence.pdf](#)  
[155 KB](#)

On Wed, Feb 21, 2024 at 10:09 AM Ayers, Jeremy D <[jeremy.d.ayers@wv.gov](mailto:jeremy.d.ayers@wv.gov)> wrote:  
For review and approval.

Thanks  
Jeremy

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Harold D. Ward, Cabinet Secretary  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Whittaker, Assistant Director  
Acquisition and Contract Administration Section  
Purchasing Division (for approval of professional services)

B.J. Chestnut, Assistant Chief  
Administrative Services – Business Operations Office  
(For approval of construction)

FROM: Jeremy Ayers, P.E., Northern Emergency Engineer  
Abandoned Mine Lands and Reclamation

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SUBJECT: Fairmont (Women's Club) Subsidence  
Emergency Reclamation Project – Marion County, W.Va.

DATE: February 21, 2024

Reportedly the abandoned mine working's in the Pittsburgh coal seam is causing the issues in the yard of the Women's Club of Fairmont. AML staff and City of Fairmont workers have been called to the site many times to investigate various problems. There is a visible subsidence that has been repaired several times in the past and continues to reappear. The depth and condition of the abandoned deep mine are currently unknown. A thorough subsurface investigation is required to determine AML eligibility and if necessary, to design a reclamation project.

Based on the situation described above, an emergency geotechnical investigation will be initiated at the site to perform an exploratory drilling and data analysis program. If the abandoned mine workings have collapsed, and/or filled with a significant amount of water and is found to be causing the damages to the streets and homes an emergency abatement project will be initiated.

Due to the scope of the project, the required services to investigate the problems at the site will have to be performed by an outside engineering firm. In accordance with Section 5G-1-4 of the State Code of West Virginia, since a special circumstance exists and the cost of the project is estimated to be less than \$250,000.00, I have the option of selecting an architectural/engineering

firm on the basis of satisfactory performance and knowledge of the agency's needs. Therefore, I propose to utilize Civil Tech Engineering of Hurricane, WV to perform the required services at the site.

The estimated cost for these services should not exceed \$65,000.00. The estimated cost of the site reclamation portion of the project should not exceed \$115,000.00.

Please contact me at 304-842-1900, Ext. 82083 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

JDA

Cc: File  
Eric Simpson