

Posting Language

Recommend approval of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to accept and appropriate grant funds in an amount of up to \$5,000,000.00 from the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Texas COVID-19 Pandemic (DR4485) Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant program administered through the Texas Department of Emergency Management; and amending the Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20220817-004) to transfer in and appropriate up to \$5,000,000.00 for the Fallwell Lane, Sand Hill Energy Center, and the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Access and Flood Potential Mitigation project.

Lead Department

Public Works Department

Client Department

Austin Water Assistant Director of Engineering Services, Shay Ralls Roalson

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Capital Budget of Austin Water for the local match against a total grant of \$5,000,000. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

May 19, 2022 – Council authorized the grant application via Resolution No. 20220519-030.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 9, 2022 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

On October 31, 2013, and again on October 30, 2015, flood waters severely damaged Fallwell Lane and threatened the raw water intake structure at Austin Energy's substation, Sand Hill Electrical Center. Austin Water's South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in the area east of SH130 also suffered serious damage. Onion Creek flood waters inundated low areas as they flowed into the Colorado River. Bank erosion was severe and extensive restoration and stabilization are required. Temporary measures have been put in place to allow local traffic to utilize Fallwell Lane. A permanent solution to reconstruct or realign key access roads, retrofit water intake structures, and stabilize berms and channels to guard against flood overflows from Onion Creek is needed to protect critical City infrastructure from future flood events.

The City was selected to receive federal grant funding for a flood control project that will protect critical

infrastructure through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant program. This action also amends the Public Works Department capital budget by appropriating the one-time FEMA grant funds in the amount of up to \$5,000,000.00. These funds will be used for the Fallwell Lane, Sand Hill Energy Center, and the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Access and Flood Potential Mitigation project.



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Water & Wastewater Commission: November 9, 2022
Council: December 1, 2022

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, Public Works Department's need for continued funding will be evaluated.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety