

RESOLUTION NO. 20240215-021

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program, an annual competitive program that provides funding to local governments for projects that reduce the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, FEMA published the fiscal year 2023 notice of funding opportunity for the FMA grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Protection Department (Department) intends to submit a grant application seeking the maximum federal funding amount of \$300,000, with a 75 percent or a 90 percent federal cost share, to finance flood education and outreach services; and

WHEREAS, the grant would fund activities in three socially vulnerable areas located within the 100-year floodplain, as determined by current National Flood Insurance Program data, in north, south, and southeast Austin;

WHEREAS, the Department must submit a completed application by February 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, if the funds are awarded, the City will be required to contribute a percentage of the overall project cost in matching funds and staff will return to Council for authorization to accept federal funds and to contribute the local match; and

WHEREAS, such matching funds are available in the Department's annual operating budget; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Council authorizes the City Manager to submit an application to the FMA grant program seeking the maximum federal funding amount of \$300,000, with a 75 percent or a 90 percent federal cost share, to finance flood education and outreach services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council authorizes the Director of the Department to work with FEMA to apply for the FMA grant program and designates the Director as the representative of the City in this regard.

ADOPTED: February 15, 2024 **ATTEST:** Stephanie Hall for
Myrna Rios
City Clerk