



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of Military and Veterans Affairs

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Juan Ayala

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Federal Grant Opportunity - Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program.

**SUMMARY:**

A briefing on a proposed grant application to the FY 2023 Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program for the reconstruction of a portion of Ackerman Road.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Enacted in 2019 through the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program is designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure that is supportive of a military installation to enhance military value, installation resilience, and military family quality of life.

The DCIP program makes funds available for transportation projects; school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, or other community support facility projects, and; water, waste-water,

telecommunications, electric, gas, or other utility projects. Funded projects must be located off a military installation and owned by State or Local government.

For Fiscal Year 2023, \$100 million was made available to the Secretary of Defense to implement the DCIP program. Project proposals must include the endorsement of the local installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the project. The deadline to apply is June 23, 2023.

The Military and Veteran Affairs department and Public Works department, in conjunction with the Texas Army National Guard, identified a section of Ackerman Road from the IH-10 access road to the main gate of the Martindale Army Heliport (MAHP) that is in needs of reconstruction. The road is in a deteriorated condition which presents a potential safety hazard to the over 400 personnel work at the MAHP installation.

The MAHP installation houses nine UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, an Army Aviation Support Facility, a Field Maintenance Shop, and multiple tenants. The units provide essential enabling capabilities in support of Federal, State, local governments. The support provided by the MAHP includes day and night medical evacuation training for JBSA, the state's 36th Infantry Division training and readiness, and emergency response to natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, and fire events.

**ISSUE:**

The City of San Antonio developed and is executing a strategy to maximize federal awards to leverage local funding for projects that benefit the community. City Departments brief the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and other relevant Council committees on federal grant applications prior to submittal. The Military and Veteran Affairs and Public Works departments are preparing to submit a DCIP application for the Ackerman Road project, which will help enhance off base infrastructure to benefit the military. MVAD works to support San Antonio's military community and partners with Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) to engage and sustain JBSA's mission readiness and ensure the long-term protection of local military bases.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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