

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Intergovernmental Relations Committee

**FROM:** Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Potential Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Application

**DATE:** October 8, 2021

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The City's Government & Public Affairs Department will provide a briefing of a proposed Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Application by the City of San Antonio in support of a Joint Base San Antonio priority project.

Background

The DEAAG program was created in 1997 and has awarded more than \$83,000,000 to Texas military communities and leveraged over \$204,800,000 in investment to provide military communities infrastructure and development assistance to defend against federal Base Realignment and Closure proceedings. Since 1998, the San Antonio region has received just over \$28,000,000 in DEAAG awards in support of nine projects. With community financial contributions, the total value of these projects approaches \$70,000,000.

San Antonio's previously received DEAAG funding includes:

- Nearly \$8,400,000 supporting five projects at the former Kelly Air Force Base
- \$5,000,000 to give JBSA-Camp Bullis access to SAWS water sources
- \$4,700,000 to mitigate encroachment and protect flying training missions at JBSA-Randolph
- \$5,000,000 for the modernization of fire suppressant capabilities and a new air traffic control tower at JBSA-Lackland/Kelly Field
- \$5,000,000 to support upgrades to bolster physical security for JBSA-Randolph's electrical infrastructure

For the past few years, multiple sections of perimeter fence adjacent to JBSA-Camp Bullis, JBSA-Ft. Sam Houston, and JBSA-Lackland have become unstable and/or have failed over the years due to debris buildup against the fence during flooding at creek crossings. JBSA spends an average of \$780,000 annually to repair these sections of fence. Current and past JBSA commanders have included a project to mitigate these issues on their list of prioritized infrastructure projects. In response to JBSA's requirements, CoSA Public Works Department budgeted \$300,000 in FY 2021 to fund a drainage engineering study with the purpose of receiving recommendations to mitigate the recurring damage. Preliminary results of the study identified the hydrological features of affected areas and a reinforced fence design that would prevent failure. The final report will be submitted in October 2021.

Application

The proposed project would implement the fixes recommended by the engineering study report. The proposed project will physically reinforce several sections of perimeter security fence adjacent to Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA)-Camp Bullis, JBSA-Ft. Sam Houston, and JBSA-Lackland.

This project will harden JBSA's anti-terrorism/force protection resiliency. This one-time project will serve as a major source of cost avoidance for JBSA and provide installation leadership with the opportunity to reinvest those funds into other operations and maintenance priorities. If awarded, this grant will save JBSA approximately \$780,000 annually. These funds would become available to JBSA commanders for reinvestment into other mission needs. Additionally, this project will provide another tangible example of community support which is a key category and scoring criteria for either a Congressionally-mandated Base Realignment and Closure action and for DoD/military service branch basing decisions.

The combined cost of the proposed project (engineering study/\$277,000 + construction/\$600,000) is estimated at \$877,000. DEAAG program requirements mandate a 50% cost match from the applicant, which is \$438,500. The \$277,000 that CoSA has already spent on the engineering study will count towards the City's 50% cost match, leaving the City with having to guarantee/fund an additional \$161,500.

If approved for submittal, the DEAAG application will request \$438,500 from the State. The \$438,500 in DEAAG funding combined with the \$161,500 contribution from CoSA will provide the \$600,000 required for the construction portion of the project.

The DEAAG application period began on September 1, 2021. Applications are due no later than November 12, 2021. DEAAG award recipients will be announced in mid-January 2022.