



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Razi Hosseini

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 7

SUBJECT:

Proposed Project for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in an amount up to \$12,910,000.00 for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program with a potential City match of \$17,880,000.00; and authorizing the acceptance of these federal funds, if awarded, to be used towards Sealing drainage improvements totaling \$30.79 million located in Council District 7. Funding for the potential City match is available from and included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In September 2022, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a notice of funding opportunity for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program. FEMA provides federal funds for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program to state, local, tribal and territorial governments for hazard mitigation activities, including capacity and capability activity types and

hazard mitigation projects. The annual BRIC funds are for hazard mitigation planning and projects that support community resiliency from natural disasters and hazards such as wildfires, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme heat, and flooding. For FY 2022, FEMA intends to distribute up to \$2.295 billion for the BRIC program. Applications are due on January 27, 2023. Notification of potential funding is anticipated in Spring 2023.

The Public Works Department has identified an eligible multiphase and hazard mitigation Seeling Drainage project to submit as part of the BRIC grant application. This project will include installing a new underground storm drain system, including associated roadway and channel reconstruction. The Seeling Drainage project phases 4 and 5 total project cost is \$30,790,000.00. The grant requires a minimum local City match of at least 25% of the total project cost however the City's match contribution totals \$17,880,000.00 in existing project dollars for the multiphase and hazard mitigation Seeling Drainage project phases 4 and 5, which meets and exceeds local match requirement.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in an amount up to \$12,910,000.00 for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program with a potential City match of \$17,880,000.00; and authorizes the acceptance of these federal funds, if awarded, to be used towards Seeling drainage improvements totaling \$30.79 million located in Council District 7. Funding for the potential City match is available from and included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.

The FEMA BRIC grant is consistent with City policy to apply for grants to enhance service delivery and support City's resiliency by supplementing local funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternatively, the City could choose not to submit the grant application to leverage funds to advance the multiphase floodplain hazard mitigation Seeling Drainage project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance requests City Council action to submit the application for the \$30.79 million Seeling Drainage project for potential BRIC grant funding in an amount up to \$12,910,000.00. The grant requires a minimum local City match of at least 25% of the total project cost however the City's match contribution totals \$17,880,000.00 in existing project dollars for the multiphase and hazard mitigation Seeling Drainage project phases 4 and 5, which meets and exceeds local match requirement.

<i>BRIC Grant Summary</i>	
BRIC Federal Funds	\$12,910,000.00
City Local Match	\$17,880,000.00

Total BRIC Grant Request	\$30,790,000.00
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Funding for the potential City match is available from and included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program. The table below summarizes the proposed funding sources for the match requirement:

<i>City Match Funding Summary</i>	
Amount	Funding Source
\$ 7,880,000.00	2022 General Obligation Bond Fund
\$ 4,395,326.00	Previously Authorized Debt Proceeds
\$ 4,000,000.00	Bexar County Contribution
\$ 1,604,674.00	Storm Water Regional Facilities Fund
\$17,880,000.00	Total City Match Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application to FEMA in an amount up to \$12,910,000.00 for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program with a potential City match of \$17,880,000.00; and authorizes the acceptance of these federal funds, if awarded, to be used towards Sealing drainage improvements totaling \$30.79 million. Funding for the potential City match is available from and included in the FY 2023 – FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program.