



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Government Affairs

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Sally Basurto

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Federal Legislative Update

**SUMMARY:**

Update on the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the City's efforts to obtain funding to include an application for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In September 2022, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a notice of funding opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. The BIL provided the BRIC program an additional \$1 billion dollars to be utilized over five years for hazard mitigation activities, including capacity and capability building. Eligible expenditures include planning and projects that support community resiliency

from natural disasters and hazards such as wildfires, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme heat, and flooding. For Fiscal Year 2022, FEMA intends to distribute up to \$2.295 million. Application due date is January 27, 2023.

The Public Works Department has identified and intends to apply to the BRIC program in the amount of \$12,910,000.00 to support the Seeling Drainage project, a multiphase hazard mitigation project. The Seeling Drainage project will install a new underground storm drain system and include the associated roadway and channel reconstruction. The Seeling Drainage project phases 4 and 5 total project cost is \$30,790,000.00, which includes the City's matching contribution of \$17,880,000.

Once submitted, Government Affairs will assist with congressional advocacy in support of the BRIC grant application.

**ISSUE:**

The City of San Antonio developed and is executing a strategy to maximize federal awards to benefit the community. City Departments are providing regular updates to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on BIL developments. The FEMA BRIC grant is consistent with City policy to apply for grants to enhance service delivery and support the City's resiliency by supplementing local funds.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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