



City of Galveston

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RECOVERY

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To: Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Hon. Mayor and City Council Members

From: Tesa Wroblewski, FEMA Public Assistance Program Manager

RE: Consider authorizing the City Manager to sign initial award acceptance letter for FEMA 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) upon notification and Kickoff meeting with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) of grant award for the 15th Street Pump Station.

I. Background

- A. The City of Galveston applied for a FEMA 404 HMGP grant in March of 2018 to design and construct the 15th street drainage pump station for a cost of approximately \$32 million dollars.
- B. The FEMA 404 HMGP grant, if approved will require the successful completion of phase one (engineering, design, surveying, permitting, regulatory, etc.,) activities. The phase one costs are estimated at \$2.7 million dollars.
- C. The City will be required to provide FEMA and TDEM with completed phase one deliverables and an approved Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) prior to being awarded funding for phase 2. The Phase 2 funding is estimated at 29.3 million dollars.
- D. The FEMA 404 HMGP grant timeline for completion of the grant is 36 months from the Kickoff meeting (which is when TDEM provides a letter for signature).

II. Current Situation

- A. The City is working with TDEM and FEMA to obtain final approval and funding for the Pre-Award and Phase 1 cost which includes the design elements of the 15th Street Pump station.





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- B. The City anticipates the notification and Kickoff meeting could occur as early as late August 2019.
- C. The Kickoff meeting is conducted by TDEM and starts the 36 month timeline for grant.

III. Alternatives in order of priority

- A. Authorize the City Manager to sign the required award documentation with TDEM-FEMA to accept the FEMA 404 HMGP grant.
 - 1. Funding Source – TBD upon Award
 - 2. Timing – Upon award from TDEM-FEMA.
- B. Do not authorize the City Manager to sign the required award documentation with TDEM-FEMA to accept the FEMA 404 HMGP grant.
 - 1. Cost – No Additional cost at this time.
 - 2. Timing – N/A
 - 3. Impact or Ramifications – Project timeline will be delayed if signature is held up.

IV. Recommendation

Concur with Alternative A allowing the City Manager to sign the all TDEM and FEMA grant award documentation upon receipt and notification.

Respectfully Submitted

Tesa Wroblewski
FEMA Public Assistance Program Manager

Approved,

Brian Maxwell
City Manager

