

Meeting Date (?) 12/15/2015

Subject Matter* (?) HMGP Grant Application for the Acquisition of Flood Prone Properties
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Department of Origin* ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT

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Type of Meeting* BCD Special Regular

Classification* Public Hearing Consent Statutory Regular

Ordinance* None First Read Second Read First & Only Read

Strategic Initiative* Public Safety Service
 Economic Development Infrastructure
 Quality of Life

Agenda Item Description* Consideration of a resolution approving the filing of a grant application to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) of the Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) to assist in funding the acquisition of flood prone properties through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and acknowledgement of the City's 25% local match requirement using cash and/or in-kind services (along with private funds), and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the TDEM.

Summary Statement* The HMGP provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. Authorized under Section 404 of the Stafford Act and administered by FEMA, HMGP was created to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters. The State of Texas will receive Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding under the HMGP as part of the Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4223 (May 29, 2015) as a result of severe storms, tornadoes, and straight-line winds and flooding that occurred in Texas in May-June of 2015.

The City of Bryan has several severe repetitive loss properties that have experienced multiple flooding events causing damages for which repetitive insurance claims have been made. A severe repetitive loss property is defined as a single family property (consisting of 1 to 4 residences) covered under flood insurance by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and has incurred flood-related damage for which 4 or more separate claims payments have been paid under flood insurance coverage, with the amount of each claim payment exceeding \$5,000 and with cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeding \$20,000; or for which at least 2 separate claims payments have been made with the cumulative amount of such claims exceeding the reported value of the property. Staff has visited with representatives of TDEM and believes the acquisition of these properties could be a good application of HMGP funds.

The grant program requires a 25/75% local (non-federal) and HMGP participation split, with the local or non-federal being cash or in-kind services from the local community including private funds. Typical eligible costs include pre-flood fair market value of the property, demolition and debris removal, abatement, legal, closing, permitting fees, direct management costs, replacement housing, and rental assistance. Costs for acquiring a property valued at \$150,000 may equal \$225,000 including contingency. The proposed project consists of acquiring four (4) properties and has an estimated budget of \$900,000 with \$675,000 estimated from HMGP and \$225,000 from the City of Bryan.

After a project is approved and property acquisition has occurred, the property is returned to its pre-developed state and allowed to function as a natural floodplain. The use of the property is limited to green space with few exceptions. This repurposed land would be the responsibility of the City of Bryan to own and maintain in perpetuity.

Staff Analysis & Recommendation *

Staff recommends approval of the resolution approving the filing of a grant application to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) of the Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) to assist in funding the acquisition of flood prone properties through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and acknowledgement of the City's 25% local match requirement using cash and/or in-kind services (along with private funds), and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the TDEM. By approving the Resolution, the City's HMGP Application will be considered complete and allows the City an opportunity to leverage funding for removing structures from the severe risk of flooding preventing loss of life and property along with supporting the City's Mitigation Action Plan. Approving the resolution will commit the City of Bryan (along with private funds) to fund 25% of the project cost, if awarded.

Options *

(In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)

1. Approve the Resolution
2. Do not approve the Resolution

Funding Source *

Drainage Fund (Fund 245) – expected cost \$225,000.00 (not budgeted)

Attachments

HMGP Grant Application Resolution.docx	24.11KB
HMGP Grant Application Map of Potential HMGP Acquisitions.pdf	297.56KB

Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

1. Resolution
2. Map of Potential HMGP Acquisitions

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