



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 28, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve Resolution No. R-2023-31 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund; reaffirming various policies and procedures required in conformity with the Civil Rights Act, and the Fair Housing Act, as shown in Exhibit A; providing for a repealing clause and establishing an effective date.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted by: Tracy Waldron, Chief Financial Officer

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The City was notified of a grant funding opportunity through the Community Development Fund, the largest fund category in the Texas Community Development Block Grant program. This funding is for public facilities to include water/wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements, and housing activities. The City plans to submit an application to complete the Riverwood water line project. Maximum grant amount is \$500,000.

All grantees of Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) funds are required to demonstrate compliance with all state and federal requirements to ensure equal opportunity and access to all benefits derived from the TxCDBG Program.

The State and Federal requirements include:

- Taking steps to ensure that equal opportunities are afforded to all persons and that no person shall be excluded or denied program benefits on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, and/or disability.
- Taking steps to provide opportunities, to the greatest extent feasible, to low and very low income (Section 3) residents and businesses in employment, training, and contracting for construction contracts.
- Taking affirmative steps to ensure minority, small business, and female-owned businesses are informed of grant funded contracts.
- Prohibiting the use of Excessive Force against individuals engaged in non-violent Civil Rights demonstrations.
- Prohibiting discrimination based on disability.
- Taking steps to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH).
- Taking steps to assure meaningful access for persons with "Limited English Proficiency" (LEP).

This grant application requires a resolution be passed by City Council reaffirming these policies and procedures.

Exhibit A of this Resolution includes the following policies and procedures:

- Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures
- Excessive Force Policy
- Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Fair Housing Policy

FISCAL IMPACT:

Matching funds from Water/Wastewater Fund

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution R-2023-31
- Exhibit A – various policies & procedures

