



## CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

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**MEETING DATE:** 02/02/2021

**REQUESTER:** Chase Wheeler

**PRESENTER:** Chase Wheeler, EMC

**TITLE:** Resolution for the City Manager to submit an application for FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and accept grant award from the Texas Department of Public Safety/Texas Division of Emergency Management, in an anticipated amount of \$50,000.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve

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### ANALYSIS:

The grant award amount for FY 2021 has not yet been calculated by the State and Federal Government; however an estimate of \$50,000 is anticipated. The City of Grand Prairie is at the advanced level of preparedness and is considered an eligible jurisdiction for the FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

The City of Grand Prairie Office of Emergency Management (GP OEM) plans to apply for and receive a grant award for approximately \$50,000 for grant period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 from the State of Texas Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management for GP OEM to receive reimbursement for emergency management program-related expenses. The City of Grand Prairie Office of Emergency Management has received EMPG grant awards for the last several years by completing the necessary requirements.

The purpose of the EMPG grant program is to make grants to states to assist local governments in preparing for all hazards, as authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Title VI of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to make grants for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness for the protection of life and property in the United States from hazards and to vest the responsibility for emergency preparedness jointly in the federal government and the states and their political subdivisions.

Associated reporting requirements are included in this grant to determine how effective the City of Grand Prairie (grantee) is utilizing the EMPG program funding to prepare for all hazards and advance a whole community approach. With these measures, the City of Grand Prairie Office of Emergency Management must evaluate the progress towards achieving specified objectives in quarterly EMPG program reports and in compliance with the below reporting requirements:

- Maintain an approved Emergency Management Plan and Annexes
- Develop and Maintain a Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan to include conducting of exercises.
- Verify Capability of Personnel through the completion of National Incident Management System (NIMS) related training and other required emergency management-related training.
- Completion of Work Plans, Progress Reports #1 & #2, and Quarterly Financial Reports must be submitted.

The federal government, through the EMPG program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance, as authorized so that a comprehensive emergency preparedness system exists for all hazards.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

As part of the FY 2020/2021 budget, the City Council approved \$415,153 in total expenditures for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Since the City has consistently received EMPG grant funding for many years now, an estimate of \$50,000 in EMPG grant revenue was also included in the FY 2020/2021 budget in anticipation of receiving the award again. If the City is awarded this grant, no other financial consideration is necessary. However, if the City does not receive the grant award in FY 2020/2021, OEM budget expenditures and/or revenue adjustments will be necessary.

## **BODY**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS,**

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**WHEREAS,** the Grand Prairie Office of Emergency Management wishes to apply for funding to maintain the emergency management program and to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from hazards that face the City of Grand Prairie;

**WHEREAS,** the City will accept FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant reimbursements from the Texas Division of Emergency Management for emergency management program-related expenses;

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** the City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, does hereby authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept if awarded the FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant and receive grant reimbursements to promote emergency preparedness, maintain the emergency management program and to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters that we may face in the City of Grand Prairie.

**SECTION 2.** this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with the Charter of the City of Grand Prairie and it is accordingly so resolved.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE,  
TEXAS, ON THIS THE 2ND DAY OF February, 2021.**