



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: October 9, 2025

ITEM TITLE: BUILD Grant – 1st Street West

DISCUSSION:

In the fall of 2024, the Council authorized the City Manager to engage Ritland & Kuper, architects previously involved in the Community Visioning project, to collaborate with AECOM in preparing and submitting a grant application through the Federal BUILD program (formerly known as RAISE).

Although our initial application was not successful, a subsequent meeting with representatives from the Federal Department of Transportation indicated that the submission was strong, requiring only minor enhancements in specific areas.

Consequently, Staff proposes submitting another application for the upcoming grant cycle.

Representatives from AECOM will be present to discuss feedback received from the Federal Department of Transportation and outline recommended next steps.

It is notable that, whereas last year's BUILD Grant program allocated approximately \$500 million in federal funding, the coming year's allocation has increased significantly to \$1.5 billion.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.