



City of LaBelle City Commission  
Agenda Request

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

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Title of Agenda Item: Workforce Development Grant Application

Agenda Location: Consent

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**Report in brief:** City Staff are seeking feedback and direction from the City Commissioners regarding the potential engagement of

Woodard & Curran to assist with financial planning and grant application services for a proposed Workforce Training Facility in the City of LaBelle.

The Facility is intended to support local and regional workforce development by providing a centralized location for job training, skills certifications, and education partnerships.

To advance this project, staff recommends exploring state and federal funding opportunities and developing a financial strategy to support planning, design, and construction. Woodard & Curran has experience in securing grant funding and providing financial planning for similar infrastructure and community development projects.

Their services would include identifying available funding sources, preparing competitive applications,  
and coordination with funding agencies to help position the City for successful implementation.

**Staff Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fiscal Impact:** Yes ☐ No ☒

**Recommended Actions:** \_\_\_\_\_