

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. 1696**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A SUB-APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) GRANT FUNDS, DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE APPLICANT AGENT, AND COMMITTING THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.**

WHEREAS, the Mercer Island Community and Event Center (MICEC) serves as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), primary emergency shelter, network server hub, and interim City Hall; and

WHEREAS, following the closure of City Hall in October 2023, these essential public safety operations were consolidated at the MICEC, resulting in eight EOC activations and over 200 days under declared local emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the facility's current 200-kW backup generator cannot power major shelter areas, emergency operations, and network server operations, leaving critical emergency spaces and local operations vulnerable during power outages; and

WHEREAS, City staff identified in the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget the critical need to design and install a 1,000-kW generator, full-building transfer switch, and additional transformers to ensure continuous operations (Project 90.05.0011); and

WHEREAS, grant funding is available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program to protect critical local infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division (WA EMD) administers this program and requires the designation of an Authorized Applicant Agent; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated at \$1,250,000 – \$1,750,000, with a proposed funding split of 75% federal share, up to 12.5% state share, and a required 12.5% local match; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that executing this project is in the best interest of public safety and emergency readiness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby authorizes submission of a formal Step 2 full sub-application for federal financial assistance through the Hazard Mitigation Assistance BRIC program to upgrade backup power infrastructure at the MICEC.
2. The City Manager, or his/her designated alternate, is hereby designated as the Authorized Applicant Agent for the City of Mercer Island. The City Manager is authorized to execute for the purpose of obtaining and administering state and federal financial assistance under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Act of 1988, P.L. 93-288, as amended, this sub-application, subsequent grant agreements, assurances, and payment reimbursement requests filed with Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division.

3. The City of Mercer Island formally acknowledges its financial responsibility for the project's funding requirements and commits the required 12.5% local non-federal matching share to be programmed within the 2027 – 2032 Capital Improvement Program in the upcoming 2027 – 2028 biennial budget.
4. Grant Management Compliance: The City acknowledges that BRIC grant funding is distributed strictly on a reimbursement basis over an approved 36-month Period of Performance, and that any awarded proceeds will be used solely for eligible direct project costs.
5. This resolution shall become an official component of the City's formal project sub-application package.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND,  
WASHINGTON, AT ITS MEETING ON THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE 2026.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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David Rosenbaum, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Andrea Larson, City Clerk