



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

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**Meeting Date:** April 14, 2026

**Title:** Accept and Adjust the Adopted FY26 Budget for the Q4 2025 T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program Award in the amount of \$50,000.

**Background:** The City of Needles submitted an application to T-Mobile's Hometown Grant Program for the development of a downtown Route 66 Arch. On February 19, 2026, the City was officially notified that its Q4 2025 submission was selected for funding.

The \$50,000 award will support the construction of the Route 66 Drive-Thru Arch along Front Street near the Train Park and the historic El Garces. The arch is designed as a landmark feature celebrating the upcoming Route 66 Centennial in 2026 and will serve as a visual gateway into downtown, encouraging travelers to stop, take photos, and patronize local businesses. This project aligns with the City's broader downtown revitalization and tourism activation efforts.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$50,000 in grant funds to complete the Route 66 Drive-Thru Arch project.

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Recommended Action:** Accept and Adjust the Adopted FY26 Budget for the Q4 2025 T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program Award in the amount of \$50,000.

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 4/9/2026

**Other Department Approval (when required):** Mark C. DeMay

Date: 04/09/26