
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 1

DATE: 11.18.2024

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: DISCUSS PROPOSED PROJECT SCOPE AND POSSIBLE COMMITMENT OF MATCH FUNDS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR CDBG-DRRP FUNDS DUE ON NOVEMBER 21.

The Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) is designed to utilize de-obligated and unutilized Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to provide the opportunity for communities with outstanding unmet need to access remaining CDBG-DR funds. The funds are allocated through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and therefore must adhere to federally mandated deadlines and policies.

The call for projects was released Oct. 21 and will close Nov. 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time). Only projects submitted by this time will be eligible for scoring and potential funding.

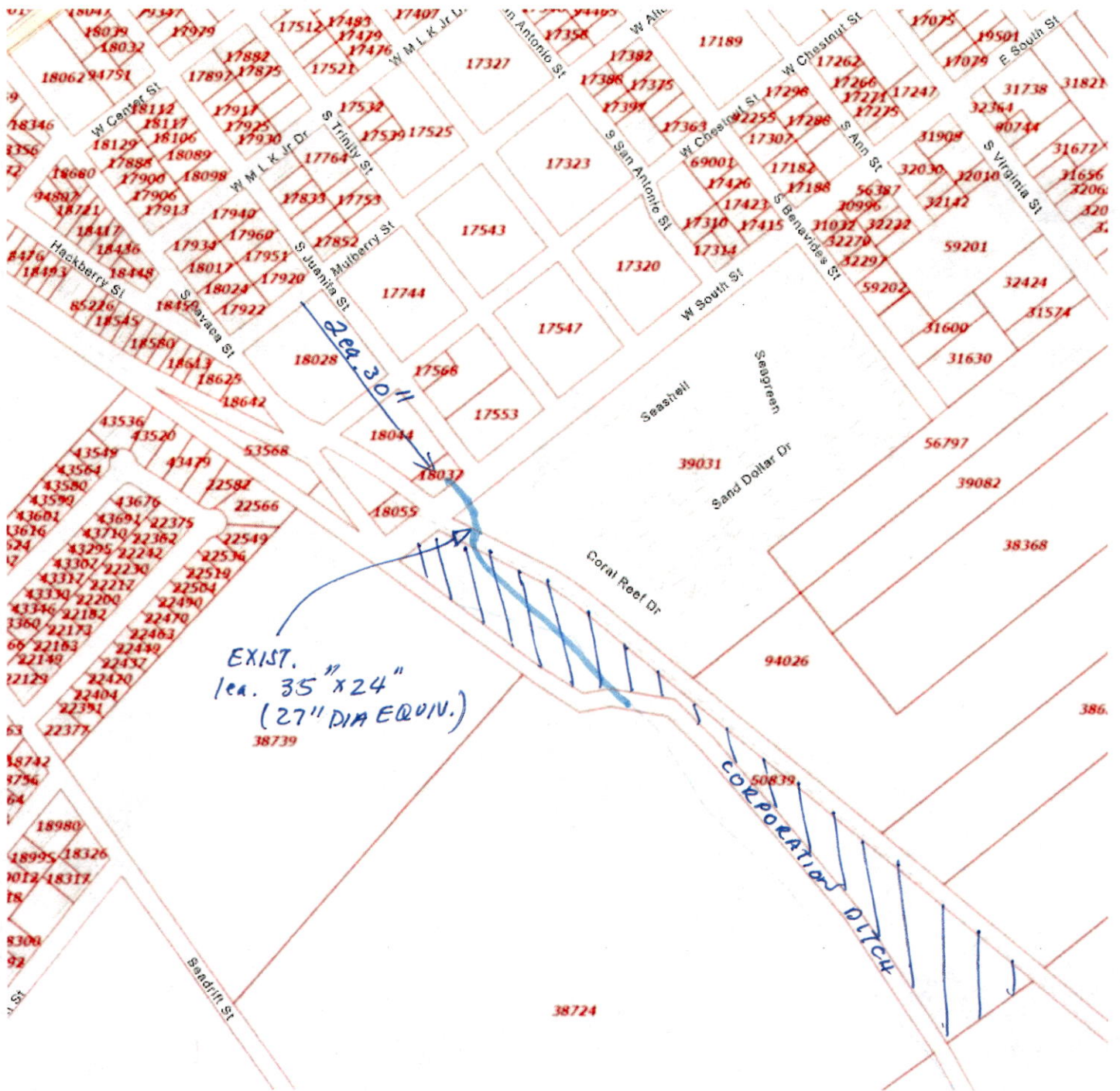
The project must benefit a Low-to-Moderate Income population and be able to tie back to the Hurricane Harvey disaster.

The project we have identified as being the most probable for eligibility would be a project that is an extension of the recently completed CDBG-DR project Phase 1. The CDBG-DR Phase 1 project provided street and drainage improvements along Lavaca and Juanita Streets between Austin Street and South Street. The project made improvements to the drainage ditch through the cemetery property that ended at South Street. The cemetery subsequently paid to extend the underground drainage through the cemetery to the south side of South Street. From that point the runoff flows a short distance to a culvert under the railroad and then runs approximately 570 LF to drain the Corporation Ditch through private property.

The proposed project would involve purchasing this private property and making improvements such that the drainage ditch provides positive drainage and could be easily maintained. The minimum application is \$500,000. With selection tonight of the engineer and administrator, tomorrow I will be meeting with them to develop a project that is at least \$500,000. A couple options we are looking at is to include installing a new pipe under the railroad, which is probably \$150,000, but also look at whether making street and drainage improvements on the east side of Virginia will qualify as tying back to Hurricane Harvey. I'm not sure that we have first-hand witness accounts of street flooding on that side, but we may be able to show that it is reasonable to expect that it did flood on the east side based upon the witnessed flooding on the west side. The other factor we must consider though is the project must be 100.00% complete 2 years following the signing of the contract. No extensions will be issued.

For this initial application we need only a brief description of the project scope and the dollar amount of the application. If we score well enough, we will be invited to submit a more formal detailed application in the spring. I do not need a resolution for this initial application but would like to see whether Council is interested in committing any match funds. This is not required, but a 10% match will gain us 5 points in scoring. It's not clear if partial points are available for less than 10%. I can tell you that the cost of the property will be approximately \$50,000.

Also in order to consult with an Administration consultant and an engineer prior to submitting the application on November 21, we had to go through proper procurement procedures. Last Thursday, we received SOQ's from 4 engineers and Proposals from 3 Administrators and the selection committee, comprised of myself, Wayne Shaffer, Councilman Tim Dent and Councilman Daniel Aguirre reviewed and scored the submittals over the week-end. This will be discussed under agenda items 2 and 3.



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(27" DIA EQUIV.)

CORPORATION DITCH