



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

CONTACT: CLIF CUSTER

SUBJECT: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT (PROJECT SCOPE)

SUMMARY:

Richwood Staff is requesting direction from Council regarding project selection from the preapproved ARPA Grant list of projects to better align with Richwood's ARPA Grant allocation of \$988,170.36

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Based on Staff's input, Council has provided direction for the development of a project scope to be funded with ARPA Grant Funds. This scope was inclusive of items staff felt provided redundancy within the city's Water and Wastewater systems. These projects include:

Generators

Well #5 – 1003 ½ Oyster Creek Drive

Well #6 – 614 ½ Audubon Woods Drive

Richwood Service Center/Lift Station #1 – 720 North Mahan

Lift Station #3 – 1501 FM 2004

Lift Station #4 – 2410 Brazosport Blvd. #1

Water System Upgrade

South Water Plant – 966 Brazosport Blvd.

After satisfying a RFI (Request for Information) from Strand Associates, Strand has presented cost opinions for Richwood's suggested ARPA Project Scope.

ISSUE:

Cost opinions presented by Strand Associates illustrates a total project cost of \$1,384,500.00. Including Grant Administration Services (\$56,500.00), a total estimated project cost for design, construction, and grant admin. is \$1,441,000.00. This is \$452,829.64 over Richwood's grant allocation of \$988,170.36.

FISCAL IMPACT:

To complete current project scope Richwood would be responsible for an estimated cost of \$452,829.64.

RECOMMENDATION:

Upon receiving the cost opinions from Strand Associates, staff began discussions on how to reduce scope to stay closer to Richwood's budget of \$988,170.36.

Staff is recommending reducing the overall project scope to include:

Generators

Well #5 – 1003 ½ Oyster Creek Drive

Richwood Service Center/Lift Station #1 – 720 North Mahan

Water System Upgrade

South Water Plant – 966 Brazosport Blvd.

Staff feels that these options will offer redundancy within the Water and Wastewater systems by adding backup power to Well #5 and the Richwood Service Center where the main SCADA panel, Fire Department repeater, Lift Station #1, and Public Works main center of operation is located. In addition to this, the grant will fund a high value, high priority project included in Freese and Nichols 2018 Capital Improvements Project Study for the City of Richwood.

To satisfy grant requirements, Strand Associates reduced their fees with the understanding that a Supplemental Task Order will be presented to Council to cover additional costs of engineering that cannot be submitted to GLO in the cost opinions. Cost opinions, inclusive of grant admin. and a portion of engineering services total \$988,170.00. A Supplemental Task Order in the estimated amount of \$35,330.00 will be presented at a later date.

Staff is requesting from Council a motion to approve Staff's revised American Rescue Plan Act Grant, Project Scope to include:

1. Generators at Well #5 and Richwood Service Center.
2. Water Infrastructure upgrades at Richwood's South Water Plant.