

CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Administration	Christy Doon - City Administrator	April 1, 2025

AGENDA ITEM

Consent Agenda – Letter of Commitment Regarding the 2025 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Community Grant.

BACKGROUND

The Chaffee County Emergency Manager is working with the State OEM Mitigation Planning Supervisor to apply for the 2025 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) Grant. The purpose of the grant is to update our County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The plan needs to be updated every five years. The grant funding will be used to hire a planning consultant to lead the project and complete the task requirements as specified in the Scope of Work attached.

The timeline for the project is:

2025 - Apply for grant

2026 - Award

2027 - Project to update plan to be completed

2028 - Updated plan (2028-2032) to be approved by jurisdiction, state, and FEMA and adopted by each jurisdiction

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so we can develop/update a hazard mitigation plan and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. All state, local, tribal and territorial governments must develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans to receive funding for hazard mitigation project applications.

This is a multi-jurisdictional project to include Chaffee County, City of Salida, Town of Buena Vista, and the Town of Poncha Springs. The County is requesting each jurisdiction sign off on the funding match commitment, the scope of work, and the budget. Most of the funding match will come from in-kind match. This in-kind match will primarily be from the time required for stakeholders attending the project meetings, doing local research, pushing out public surveys, developing mitigation projects for their jurisdictions, and finally implementing the adoption process after the plan gets approved. Any remaining will be from a cash match. In the past the cash match was covered by Chaffee County Government.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Council approve the letter of commitment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City's contribution, which will be comprised primarily of in-kind contributions, will be "due" in 2027.

MOTION

A City Councilmember should state "I move to combine and approve the items on the Consent Agenda", followed by a second and a roll call vote.