

October 6, 2025

City of Sonora  
Attn: Melissa Eads, City Administrator  
94 N. Washington Street  
Sonora, CA 95370

**Subject: Task Order No. 25-06 Funding Opportunity Grant Applications**

Dear Ms. Eads,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this Task Order to prepare and submit three grant applications for an Evacuation Route Improvement Plan, the Sonora Creek Restoration and Parking Lot Removal & Replacement Plan, and the Downtown Walkability Plan

**Project Understanding**

Building on previous planning work, we are requesting a budget augmentation to prepare and submit grant applications to three funding programs. These three programs are:

**Sonora City-Wide Evacuation Route Improvements:** If successful, this grant will fund a planning study to evaluate routes through Sonora and investigate options for increased capacity. These options will include, but are not limited to, identification of parallel routes and parking modifications. This application will be submitted through the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation funding program and will require an 11.47% funding match. This is an excellent program for local agencies to improve the resiliency of their transportation network. This application has a high probability of obtaining funding.

**Sonora Creek Restoration & Farmers Market Parking Lot Removal and Replacement Plan:** If successful, this grant will fund a Planning study to evaluate the feasibility of creating a retention basin on Sonora Creek below the parking lot bounded by Stewart Street, Theall Street, and Shepherd Street. This study will evaluate the feasibility and benefits of converting this parking lot into a retention basin to slow down large stormwater flows, thereby alleviating flooding issues at the confluence of the Main Drain and Sonora Creek. Additionally, this study will investigate the creation of a creek walk along Sonora Creek, which would open this space to the community and expand options for non-motorized transportation. An important component of this study will be the identification of alternative parking options and locations for the Farmers Market, which currently takes place in the existing parking lot. This program does not have match requirements; however, providing a match will improve the competitiveness of the application.

**Downtown Sonora Walkability Improvements:** This grant application, submitted through the State's Active Transportation Program (ATP), will request funding for all phases of a project to enhance walkability in downtown Sonora. The project area will include sidewalk improvements through the downtown core and on connecting side streets. The exact limits will be determined as an initial item of work. Additionally, components of Vision Sonora will be incorporated throughout. This program is extremely competitive; however, we have had success with it in the past and understand what needs to be included to submit a strong application.

**Scope of Work**

The following scope will provide the pre-design work needed to start the replacement wall design effort:

**Task 1 – Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Grant Application for the Sonora City-Wide Evacuation Route Improvements:**

- Dewberry will perform services for this task.
- Prepare and submit a grant application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

**Task 2 – State of CA Conservation Board (WCB) application for the Sonora Creek Restoration & Farmers Market Parking Lot Removal and Replacement Plan:**

- Dewberry will perform services for this task.
- Perform and submit a grant application to the WCB.

**Task 3 – CA Active Transportation Program application for the Downtown Sonora Walkability Improvements plan:**

- Dewberry will perform services for this task.
- Prepare and submit a grant application to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).
- Coordinate the concept design with the Caltrans SHOPP team, currently designing the pavement rehabilitation project through downtown Sonora.

**Fee:**

**Not to Exceed:**

<b>Task 1 – Caltrans Application:</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
<b>Task 2 – WCB Application:</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
<b>Task 3 – ATP Application:</b>	<b><u>\$ 35,000</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

Sincerely,

Approved by:

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Mike Pugh, PE  
 Contract Manager  
 Associate Vice President

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Melissa Eads  
 City Administrator  
 City of Sonora