



# AGENDA MEMO

## Business of the City Council

### City of Sweeny, Texas

<b>Meeting Date</b>	11/18/2025	<b>Agenda Items</b>	
<b>Approved by City Manager</b>	Yes	<b>Presenter(s)</b>	City Manager
<b>Reviewed by City Attorney</b>		<b>Department</b>	Grant Services
<b>Subject</b>	Discussion and possible action regarding the Notice of Award for the Resilient Communities Program, administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO), and authorization to submit the SF-424 application form as part of the grant acceptance process.		
<b>Attachments / Supporting documents</b>	Award Notice RCP		
<b>Financial Information</b>	Expenditure Required:	N/A	
	Amount Budgeted:	N/A	
	Account Number:		
	Additional Appropriation Required:		
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#### Executive Summary

The City was recently notified of a grant award in the amount of \$250,000 through the Resilient Communities Program, administered by the Texas General Land Office – Community Development and Revitalization Division. This a NO MATCH grant.

This funding will support the development of a comprehensive planning initiative, which includes the creation of a full Comprehensive Plan and an update to the City's zoning code. The grant aims to enhance long-term resilience, guide sustainable growth, and ensure alignment with community priorities and regulatory standards.

A Comprehensive Plan serves as a long-term strategic framework that guides the physical, economic, and social development of a municipality. It typically addresses key elements such as land use, transportation, housing, public facilities, economic development, environmental sustainability, parks, and community character. By establishing a clear vision and set of goals, the plan helps local leaders make informed decisions about growth, infrastructure investments, and policy priorities.

The inclusion of a zoning code update ensures that the City's land use regulations are aligned with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, promoting orderly development, protecting property values, and enhancing quality of life for residents. This grant-funded initiative will strengthen the City's resilience, support sustainable planning practices, and position the community for future success.

By adopting a Comprehensive Plan, the City would be eligible to apply for further grant funding in the future, as several of the needed studies are being encompassed within this plan. This would additionally allow for enforceable and actionable updates to our codes.

The development and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will require a significant investment of time and engagement from City Council. This process will involve multiple public hearings to ensure transparency and community input, as well as a series of workshops and working sessions where Council members will be asked to review, discuss, and take formal action on various



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components of the plan. Active participation will be essential to ensure the plan reflects the City's long-term vision and meets the needs of its residents.

Any project costs **exceeding** the awarded grant amount of \$250,000 will be the responsibility of the City and must be covered through local funding sources. Furthermore, it is important to note that successful completion of the grant is contingent upon formal adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and associated zoning code updates. **Should the City fail to adopt these deliverables, it would be obligated to reimburse the Texas General Land Office for the full amount of the grant, as stipulated by the program requirements.**

Council needs to determine if the City is still wanting to move forward in pursuit of the full project. If Council wishes to continue pursuit, the City will be required to submit a revised SF424. The original was for an amount above what the GLO is allowing for the City of Sweeny. The SF424 would need to reflect the \$250,000.00 award