

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: May 4, 2026

Topic:

Approve Resolution 2026-19, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, Appointing the City Manager as the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to Act in All Matters in Connection with the Texas Division of Emergency Management Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Committing the City to Provide Matching Funds to Secure and Complete the grant application.

Background:

Funding has been made available through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. The BRIC program is a nationally competitive grant initiative designed to support state and local governments in implementing proactive hazard mitigation projects that reduce long-term risks to people and property from natural disasters.

Eligible activities under the BRIC program include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition and Demolition
- Wildfire Mitigation
- Non-localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects
- Infrastructure Retrofit
- Soil and Slope Stabilization

The BRIC grant is highly competitive, as the primary funding pool is open to applicants nationwide. Projects are evaluated based on technical merit, cost-effectiveness, and alignment with federal hazard mitigation priorities. Additional scoring advantages are awarded to projects that are advanced in design, demonstrate strong benefit-cost ratios, and leverage other funding sources.

City staff has reviewed the BRIC scoring criteria and evaluated potential projects for submission. Based on this analysis, the S. Persimmon & Timkin Road Improvements project is identified as the most competitive candidate. This determination is supported by the following factors:

- The project is currently nearing 30% design completion and is anticipated to be substantially advanced by the time of grant award, aligning with BRIC preferences for “shovel-ready” projects.
- The project directly addresses drainage and infrastructure resilience needs, consistent with BRIC program priorities.
- The City has already secured approximately \$5,000,000 in Community Project Funding (CPF), which can be leveraged to reduce the overall BRIC funding request and improve the project’s competitiveness by demonstrating financial commitment and partnership.

Should City Council provide direction to proceed, staff will initiate the pre-application process, including preparation of required procurement documents for grant administration and coordination with engineering consultants to finalize project scope, cost estimates, and benefit-cost analysis. Submission of the BRIC pre-application will position the City for invitation into the full application phase.

This Resolution will appoint the City Manager as the CEO, authorize the grant application for the Texas Division of Emergency Management – FEMA BRIC grant, and commit to a 10% local match for the total grant funds received.

Origination: Project Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving Resolution 2026-19 appointing the City Manager as the Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative to act in all matters in connection with the TDEM – FEMA BRIC Grant and committing the City to provide matching funds to secure and complete the grant application.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Meagan Mageo, Project Manager

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account # _____ To account # _____

Signed Meagan Mageo Approved by _____
Staff Member Date City Manager Date