

# City Council Meeting

## Agenda Item

### Data Sheet

Meeting Date: July 6, 2026

#### Topic:

Approve a professional services agreement with GrantWorks, Inc. for grant administration services related to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 (RFP 2026-11), therefor, and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents related to the services. These expenditures are to be paid from grant funds received from the BRIC Grant program, if awarded.

#### 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.

Staff submitted a grant application for a total identified grant amount not-to-exceed \$15,000,000 as approved by Resolution No. 2026-19 on May 4, 2026. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant and 2 CFR 200 regulations, staff advertised a Request for Proposal for grant administration services for grant application assistance and management throughout the grant term, if awarded.

