

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: July 3, 2023

Topic:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a letter to Harris County requesting to terminate the City of Tomball’s participation in Harris County’s Entitlement Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2026.

Background:

The City of Tomball has participated in Harris County’s Entitlement Program that allows cities within in the county to participate in its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG). By participating in the Harris County’s Entitlement Program the City of Tomball is ineligible to apply for grants under the State CDBG program while we are a part of the urban county, however we can apply for HOME and ESG as a cooperative city if the state permits.

Since joining the Entitlement Program the City has received no funding from Harris County and based on this information we consulted our Grant Administrator, Public Management, for guidance. It is their recommendation that we request to terminate our participation which will allow the City to submit grant applications for CDBG grants as non-entitlement every two years for water, sewer, and drainage for funding not-to-exceed \$500,000. Additionally, by not participating the City may apply for Downtown Revitalization grants for funding to be used for renovation or construction of sidewalks, lighting, drainage, and other infrastructure improvements that would benefit the downtown area.

Origination: Public Works Department

Recommendation:

Staff recommends authorizing the City Manager to execute the termination letter to Harris County for removal from the Harris County Entitlement Program.

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