
Meeting Date: November 25, 2024

Subject: Culton Consulting Contract (Federal Lobbyist)

Attachments: Contract

Presented by: Adam Vaughn, Finance Director

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, City Manager

Discussion:

The City has hired Gordon Thomas Honeywell (GTH) to assist with state lobbying efforts. The purpose of Culton Consulting is to pursue federal lobbying for the City to receive grant funding and federal appropriations.

Culton Consulting has put in work to take City of Toppenish plans and match up projects with potential federal earmarks. This process is time intensive and requires in-depth knowledge of the federal government fund allocation process that the City does not have the bandwidth to dedicate time to.

As it stands, the City hopes to pursue funding from the state and federal government for its WWTP and Police Station projects. The City will work with both Culton Consulting and GTH to write scopes for each of the projects that allow for flexibility upon funding awards of state, federal, or both.

Fiscal Impact:

\$3,000 a month.

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution 2024-38 authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement with Culton Consulting.

Alternatives:

Do not fund this service.