



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING SHEET

Council Date: June 23, 2026	Department: Public Works	Presented By: Chase McBride Gretchen Vazquez
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AGENDA ITEM: House Bill 500 – Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant

Consider approval Resolution 2026-30 amending Resolution 2026-26 authorizing the preparation and submission of a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board for water supply and infrastructure project.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 500, passed during the 89th Texas Legislative Session, appropriated a one-time \$1.038 billion in general revenue to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for water supply and infrastructure projects and grants.

Funding under this one-time, general revenue grant opportunity will be provided as 100 percent grant assistance and is limited to water supply and infrastructure projects only.

The grant must address water loss, resolve a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) violation, or provide additional water supply. Funding allocations are based on population, and the City of Willow Park is eligible to apply for up to \$10,000,000 in grant assistance. To qualify, proposed projects must be consistent with the 2027 State Water Plan and the 2026 Regional Water Plan.

Following the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-26, staff received additional information and clarification from the TWDB regarding the application evaluation criteria and scoring methodology. Upon review, staff identified the need to amend the Resolution to reflect the clarified criteria and project scoring.

Approval of the amended Resolution will authorize staff to prepare and submit the City's application to TWDB prior to the July 30, 2026, application deadline.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval Resolution 2026-30 amending Resolution 2026-26 authorizing the preparation and submission of a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board for water supply and infrastructure project.

EXHIBITS:

Resolution (TWDB-0201A)

HB 500 Implementation Plan

Texas – 2025 – HB 500 89th Legislative Session Excerpt (for reference)