



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	City Council Meeting
MEETING DATE:	August 19, 2024
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on report on the Resilient Communities Program Grant.
STAFF INITIATOR:	Tara Tomlinson, Director of Development Services

BACKGROUND:

In June 2024, the City of WolfForth and Kimley-Horn partnered together to apply for the Resilient Communities Program Grant. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated up to \$100 million in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for the Resilient Communities Program (RCP). RCP funds the development, adoption, and implementation of resilient building codes, flood damage prevention ordinances, zoning ordinances, comprehensive plans, and land use plans. Additionally, RCP funds an array of public service activities related to resilience. The maximum grant amount is \$300,000 per applicant.

The City of WolfForth went through an extensive application process over the past 2 months. First, applicants had to establish a series of information regarding Fair Housing to be considered. Currently the City of WolfForth publishes on their website the contact information (local, state, and federal levels) for reporting a Fair Housing Complaint. Along with the website, publications are available at City Hall about Fair Housing Practices.

With the help of Kimley-Horn, the application required the following:

- verification of ordinances relating to building codes, comprehensive plan, and land-use
- specification about eligible categories and performance requirements (building codes, flood damage prevention, and comprehensive plan)
- Documentation of grant management plan, list of key stakeholders, local certifications, SAM.gov documents, and legal authority
- Financial documents including procurement policies, finance policies, purchasing policies, 2023 Financial Audit Report, and Certified City Charter

Due to the program's requirements, the City of WolfForth requested funding for \$15,000 for Building Codes, \$15,000 for Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, and \$190,000 for Comprehensive Plan. All \$240,000 requested was approved by the Resilient Communities Grant Program (RCP) on August 13, 2024.

Next steps for the City of WolfForth include contracts for execution and a Grant/Project Kickoff Meeting with their staff, Kimley-Horn, and City Staff.

EXHIBITS:

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No action needed.