



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting September 13, 2016
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of September 20, 2016

DATE: August 22, 2016
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Interlocal Agreement for the development of a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City, Nueces County and other participating local governments for the development of a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan with a financial commitment not to exceed \$6,500 for the development of the plan.

PURPOSE:

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BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Due to recent policy changes, the Council of Governments is no longer allowed to participate in a regional plan as we had in the past with the Coastal Bend Mitigation Action Plan. This makes it necessary to develop a plan specific to the needs of Nueces County. Nueces County received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (DEM) to prepare a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan in accordance with 44 FEMA requirements at 44.C.F.R. 201.6.

Mitigation plans form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. The Participating Jurisdictions in a mitigation planning process would benefit by:

- identifying cost effective actions for risk reduction;
- directing resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities;
- building partnerships by involving people, organizations, and businesses;
- increasing education and awareness of hazards and risk;
- aligning risk reduction with other community objectives; and
- providing eligibility to receive federal hazard mitigation grant funding.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement establishes the responsibilities of all parties. The agreement identifies the work to be performed by each participating jurisdiction. Planning tasks, schedules, and finished products are identified in the Work Program and Schedule. The City will be a part of the planning committee and part of selection committee to select the consultant hired to update plan. The plan created as a result of this agreement will be presented to the governing body of each participating jurisdiction for adoption.

The grant amount is based on how many jurisdictions participate in the planning process. The base plan is \$60,000; plus another \$6,000 for each of six participating jurisdictions and \$15,000 for one participating special district. Therefore, the grant request totaled \$111,000 (\$60,000+\$36,000+\$15,000). The federal share (2/3rds) will be \$83,250 with a required match (1/3rd) of \$27,750. The County's match will be provided through RESTORE funding, if awarded. Otherwise, the match will be provided through the participating jurisdictions as follows:

Nueces County \$6,750
City of Corpus Christi \$6,500
Port Authority of Corpus Christi \$6,500
City of Port Aransas \$2,000
City of Robstown \$2,000
City of Bishop \$1,000 (Paid by Nueces County)
City of Driscoll \$1,000 (Paid by Nueces County)
City of Agua Dulce \$1,000 (Paid by Nueces County)
City of Petronila \$1,000 (Paid by Nueces County)

The City's financial commitment to participate in the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan is a maximum of \$6,500 and will come from the Environmental and Strategic Initiatives Department Fiscal Year 2016 budget. If the City were to undertake the task of updating its hazard mitigation plan on its own by contracting for a consultant, it would likely cost significantly more than \$6,500.

The City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), which is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. All NFIP communities are required to have a hazard mitigation plan. As a CRS community, the City must update its hazard mitigation plan annually. Non-CRS communities have to update their plans every five years. The last regional plan was adopted in 2011 and the City has been providing annual updates, as required by CRS. The City's deadline to submit its updated plan is Sept 1, 2017. In order to meet the CRS-mandated deadline, the agreement work plan for the City, including the required public and stakeholder outreach, will require the completion of the City's relevant tasks by May 2017. The City's plan could be submitted separately from the County's and other participating municipalities.

Updating the City's hazard mitigation plan will require a team effort through the active participation of numerous departments, including Fire Department/Emergency Operations Center, Environmental and Strategic Initiatives, Parks and Recreation, Engineering (including Traffic Engineering), Utilities, Public Works (Streets and Stormwater), Facilities, Intergovernmental Relations and the City Attorney.

Nueces County is anticipated to consider adopting the agreement no later than mid-September. Once it is adopted, the County will go out for bids to hire a qualified contractor and approve the contract by September 30.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not adopt the agreement. Go it alone without other governments and hire a consultant to develop the updated hazard mitigation plan, which will cost considerably more than \$6,500

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The agreement being proposed is consistent with past interlocal agreements and has been approved by the City Attorney's office. These funds are available and budgeted for the 2017 fiscal year.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

This is a non-emergency item.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

City Manager
City Attorney
Finance
Environmental and Strategic Initiatives
Fire Department

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Years: 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Year FYs 17-18	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$6,500		\$6,500
Encumbered / Expended Amount		\$6,500		\$6,500
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s): Environmental and Strategic Initiatives, 4010-30030-074

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Agreement and a financial commitment not to exceed \$6,500

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. DRAFT Interlocal Agreement
2. NFIP CRS information sheet
3. FEMA Award letter to Texas Division of Emergency Management
4. DEM Subaward letter to Nueces County Judge Loyd Neal, Jr.
5. Tentative timeline
6. HMAP Planning Team Roster