

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**AGENDA DATE:** June 6, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:**

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Omar Martinez (915) 479-0341  
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**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** District 3

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 1. Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development

**SUBGOAL:** 1.1. Stabilize and expand El Paso's tax base

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for the submission of the staff recommended grant application to the FY23 Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program (DMCSP) federal discretionary grant administered by the Department of Defense (DOD) for the Advanced Manufacturing District Innovation Factory Phase II Project.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

On April 23, 2023, the U.S. Department of Defense opened applications for \$30 million in grant funding through the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program discretionary grant for 2023. The deadline for applications is June 26, 2023 and selections will be announced no later than August 31, 2023.

**Advanced Manufacturing District Innovation Factory Phase II Project**

The City is requesting \$5 million in grant funds for the development of the Innovation Advanced Manufacturing District Innovation Factory Phase II Project. The Project involves developing nine additional Maker Spaces in the Innovation Factory, providing tenant facility support services, and partnering with UTEP and other partners for additional technical and training support services. Total project cost is \$6.5 million; a \$1.5 million match will be provided by the City through the Impact Fund.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Council has previously supported the Build Back Better initiative and the development of the Advanced Manufacturing District at the El Paso International Airport. The U.S. Economic Development Administration awarded the City of El Paso \$25 million for the Advanced Manufacturing District.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Grant Funding - \$5,000,000

Impact Fund - \$1,500,000

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?  X  YES   NO**


**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** El Paso International Airport

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** Economic and International Development

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Elizabeth Triggs 

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*(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)*

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