

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

AGENDA DATE: September 26, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Adriana Sudimack, 915-212-1632
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: No. 1: Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Economic Development

SUBGOAL: N/A

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action requesting City Council support for the submission of the staff recommended grant application to the FY23 Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program Phase 1 (Recompete Phase 1) for the Borderplex Region Workforce Recompete Initiative.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The US Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY23 Recompete Phase 1 grant program provides up to \$750,000 for Phase 1 for regions to develop EDA Recompete Plans with strategies focusing on alleviating persistent economic distress and support long-term, comprehensive economic development and job creation in places with a high prime-age (25 to 54 years) employment gap and engage underserved communities with an emphasis on equity, inclusivity, equity, and diversity.

The Borderplex Region Workforce Recompete Initiative is a partnership between Workforce Solutions Borderplex and the Rio Grande Council of Governments as core partners and El Paso County, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, the El Paso Chamber, the El Paso Hispanic Chamber, the Medical Center of the Americas Foundation, and other partners. The Initiative also involves engaging more than 1,500 businesses in El Paso to identify training needs and job placement.

On May of 2023, the City of El Paso was awarded a technical assistance grant (\$300,000) from the Walton Family Foundation to develop an application for the EDA Recompete Phase 1 program. Successful grant applicants will be invited to apply for Phase 2 implementation.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Elizabeth Triggs



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