



CITY OF EL PASO

US Department of Defense
Fort Bliss SHIELD Study Grant

Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound
Governance and Fiscal Management

Objective

Discussion and action that the City of El Paso City Council authorizes the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Defense Compatible Use and Installation Resilience grant program (“Grant Program”) requesting funds in the amount of \$360,000.00 from the Grant Program, with a \$50,000.00 match required from the City, for a total of \$410,000.00 for the Fort Bliss SHIELD Study Project.



Overview

- Compatible Use and Installation Resilience Program
- Project Description
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- Scope of Work
- Budget and Match
- Council Action



Strategic and Legislative Affairs (SLA)

Programs

1. Strategic Partnerships
2. Funding and Grants Management
3. State Legislative Affairs
4. Federal Legislative Affairs
- 5. Military and Veterans Affairs**
6. Climate and Sustainability Program



U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

Compatible Use and Installation Resilience Program

Compatible Use Studies are used to:

- Understand concerns of the military installation
- Capitalize on opportunities for civilian growth
- Develop responsive strategy and implementation actions that work in concert with the installation's missions

Planning Framework



Project Description

Strategic Health, Infrastructure, Education, and Land-Use Development (SHIELD)

Final Deliverable: a planning document approved by the City of El Paso and U.S. Department of Defense (Fort Bliss)

Goal 1: Compatible Land Use Planning

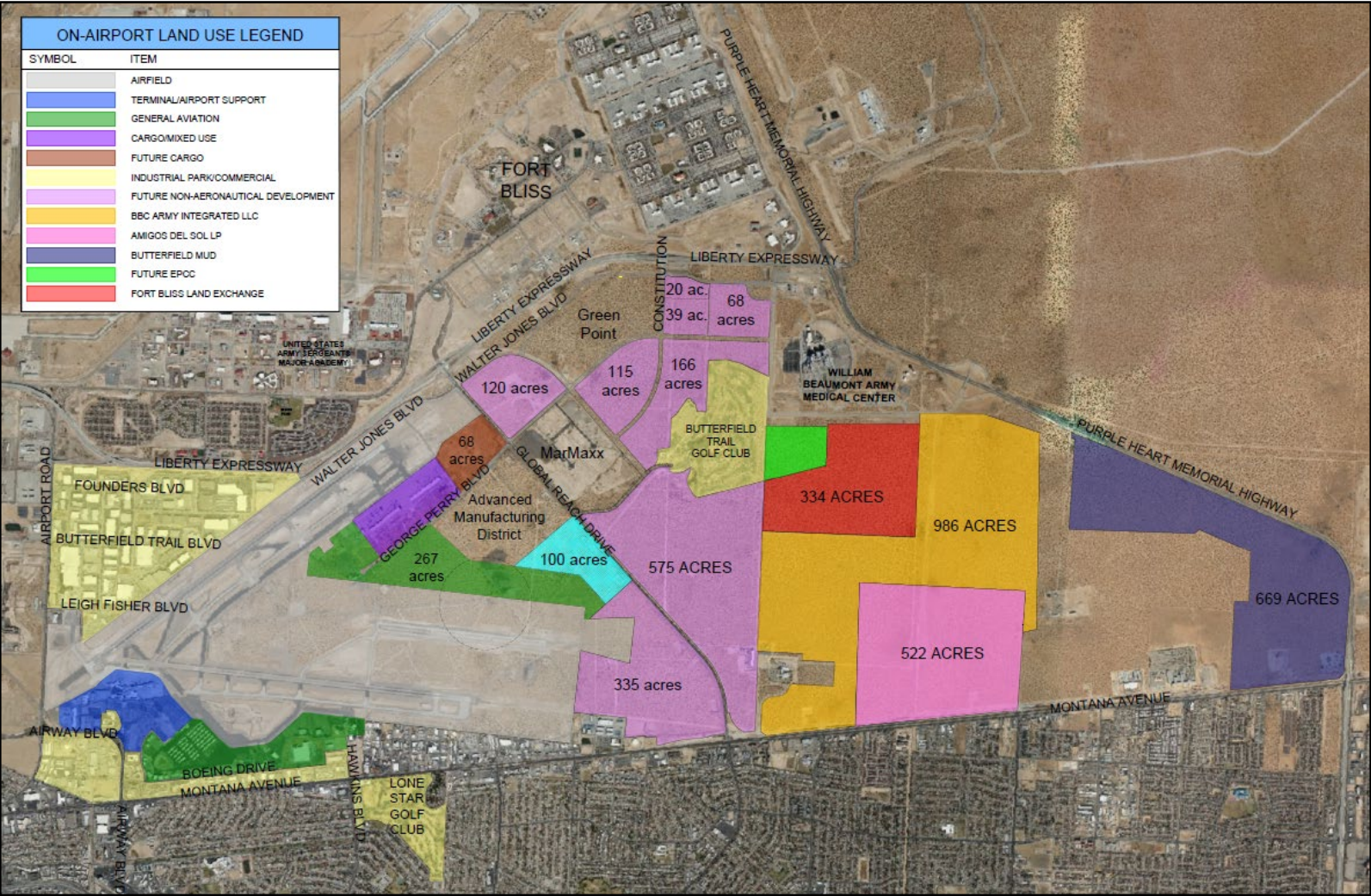
- 1.1 Identify areas where aviation, military, public, and private sector interests intersect
- 1.2 Ensure that ongoing military and law enforcement training exercises can be conducted without risk of encroachment or conflicting civilian activities

Goal 2: Regional Industry Development Analysis

- 2.2 Assess the current transportation networks, energy grids, communications infrastructure, and water resources, ensuring these systems are robust, redundant, and capable of supporting growth while meeting stringent security and operational requirements.



Project Description



The SHIELD Study includes Airport land and land adjacent to the airport.

Project Benefits

Benefits to the City of El Paso

- Cost estimates for utilities (3,000+ acres)
- Pre-reviewed planning documents
- Access to construction funding (DCIP)
- Economic development
- Possible land transfer via National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
 - Industry attraction: aerospace, defense, and high-technology firms)
 - Transitioning land inventories from public to private use (property tax)

Project Benefits

Military Affairs Strategy

- SHIELD is an opportunity to attract public and private-sector investments for the Advanced Manufacturing District (AMD) and supporting Innovation Factory tenants via new opportunities for DOD contracting
 - The project is aligned with the new [National Defense Strategy: Lethality](#): expanding space, cyberspace, and missile defense capabilities
 - Fort Bliss was named as a site identified for implementation of [Executive Order Iron/Golden Dome for America](#)
- SHIELD implements the [American Defense Communities \(ADC\) HOME](#) Policy, a national framework for successful collaboration between Defense Communities and military installations



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NATIONAL SECURITY STARTS AT



Scope of Work

Task 1: Infrastructure Assessments

Engineering consultants will evaluate existing roads, rails, energy distribution, broadband capacity, and airport/military support services. Recommendations will address needs for upgrades, resilience measures, and future-proofing critical systems.

Task 2: Land Use Analysis and GIS Mapping

Planning consultants will work with City staff to map existing land uses, identify potential conflicts, and explore new zoning solutions. This geographic analysis will guide recommendations for compatible growth and highlight critical infrastructure corridors.



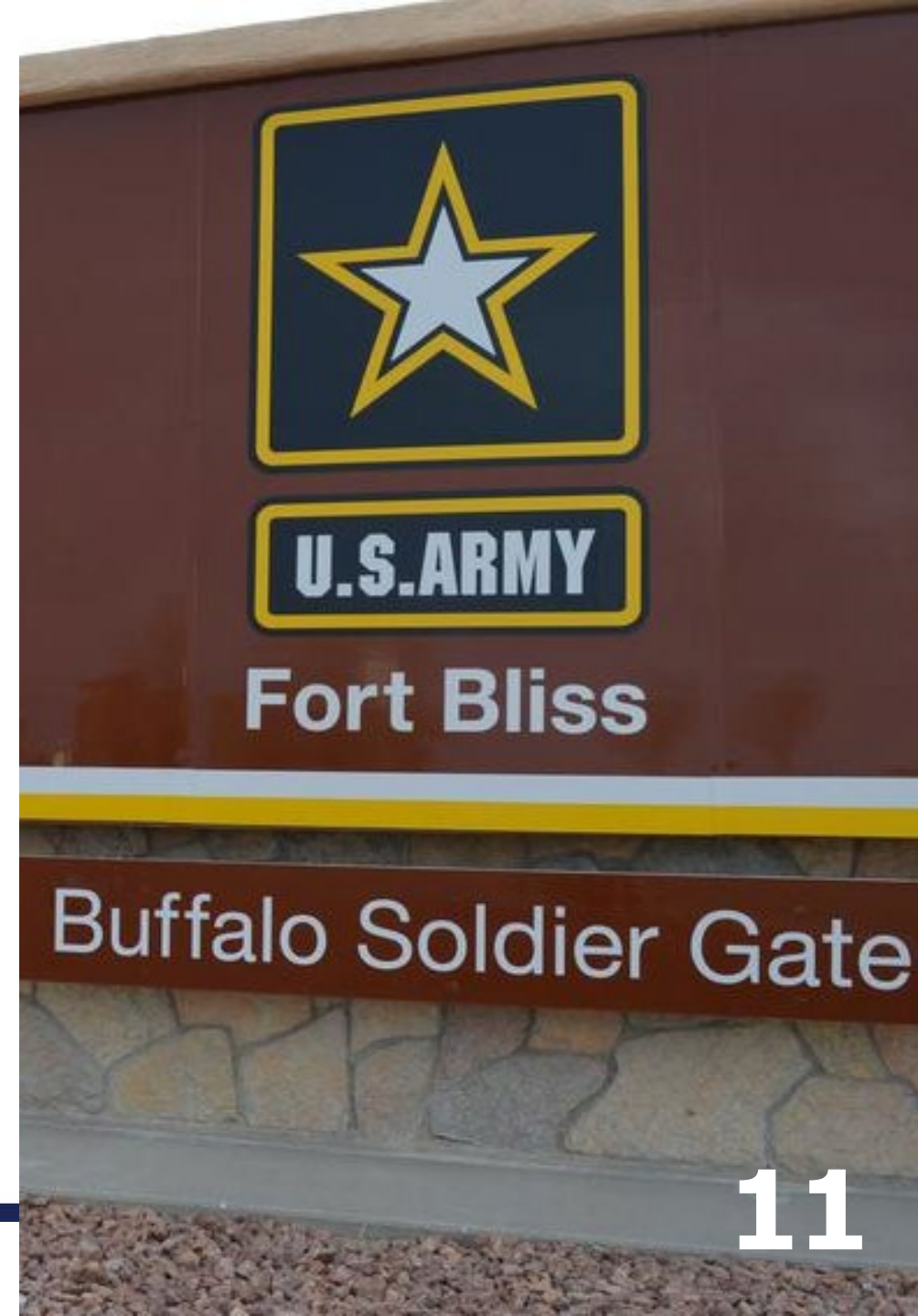
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Task 3: Stakeholder Engagement

The JLUS process will commence with structured meetings, workshops, and listening sessions involving the City of El Paso, Fort Bliss leadership, Airport operations, the State of Texas, private landowners, local businesses, utility providers, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations.

Task 4: Draft and Final SHIELD Report

The final deliverable will be a comprehensive plan outlining land use guidelines, zoning recommendations, proposed infrastructure investments, economic strategies, security considerations, and collaborative training arrangements.



Budget and Match

Grant Request: \$360,000 (87%)

City of El Paso: \$50,000 (13%)

Total Project: \$410,000 (100%)

Funding Source: Impact Fund (ED)

Requested Action

Discussion and action that the City of El Paso City Council authorizes the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Defense Compatible Use and Installation Resilience grant program ("Grant Program") requesting funds in the amount of \$360,000.00 from the Grant Program, with a \$50,000.00 match required from the City, for a total of \$410,000.00 for the Fort Bliss SHIELD Study Project.

MISSION

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life & place for our community.



VISION

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe & beautiful neighborhoods, & exceptional recreational, cultural & educational opportunities



VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence, **A**ccountability, **P**eople

