

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

AGENDA DATE: April 23, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Omar Martinez, Grants & Strat. Initiatives Manager, 915-479-0341
Ian Voglewede, Strategic and Legislative Affairs Director, 915-212-0065

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

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

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing that the City of El Paso City Council approve the submission of five project applications, cash match contributions, and budget transfers for the FY 2025 Community Project Funding program ("Applications").

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City of El Paso is submitting five Applications to the FY25 Community Project Funding (CPF) program: Ysleta Port of Entry Project Development Study with a \$4,000,000 request with no match required, Innovation Factory-Phase II Project: Requesting funding in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City; Aerospace and Defense Technology Training Center Design Project: Requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City; Advanced Manufacturing District Project: Requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City; and the Union Plaza Renovation Project: Requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Total amount \$14,000,000, Community Project Funding

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES ___ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Strategic and Legislative Affairs

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: None

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ian Voglewede

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, members of the U.S. Congress may request funding to support specific community projects within their districts as part of the annual federal appropriations process;

WHEREAS, such funding is referred to as “Community Project Funding” within the U.S. House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar is currently accepting Community Project Funding requests;

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has identified the following described projects (collectively referred to herein as, the “Projects”) as worthy of funding through the Community Project Funding process:

- Ysleta Port of Entry Project Developmental Study: Funds would be used to, among other things, conduct a feasibility study focusing on the expansion of the Ysleta Port of Entry and to conduct a benefit-cost analysis, traffic analysis, and greenhouse gas analysis;
- Innovation Factory-Phase II Project: Funds would be used to construct spaces designed to provide cost-savings for early stage manufacturing and aerospace companies through training, back-office support, environmental management, project design and value chain, and access to advanced manufacturing, testing, and evaluation equipment;
- Aerospace and Defense Technology Training Center Design Project: Funds would be used to complete engineering design and environmental documents necessary to construct the Aerospace and Defense Technology Training Center, which is a facility designed to provide education and training in demand industries for veterans, active-duty and transitioning military and their dependents;
- Advanced Manufacturing District Project: Funds would be used to supplement federal and local funds to construct a building shell, site infrastructure, parking lots, and truck yard at the Advanced Manufacturing District located at the El Paso International Airport;
- Union Plaza Renovation Project: Funds would be used to renovate several components of the historic El Paso Union Depot, including the renovation of 92 office windows and the installation of ADA compliant ramps and doors;

WHEREAS, none of the Projects would require matching funds from the City of El Paso.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT City staff is authorized to submit applications to the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar requesting funds from the Community Project Funding program, in the amounts so specified, for the following Projects:

- Ysleta Port of Entry Developmental Study Project. Requesting funding in the amount of \$4,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City;
- Innovation Factory-Phase II Project: Requesting funding in the amount of \$3,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City;
- Aerospace and Defense Technology Training Center Design Project: Requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City;
- Advanced Manufacturing District Project: Requesting funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City;
- Union Plaza Renovation Project: Requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, with no matching funds from the City;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents necessary for the proper submission of said applications;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents necessary to accept grants resulting from said applications, after consultation with the City Attorney's Office;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents related to grants resulting from the applications, including, but not limited to, revisions to project scopes, and revisions that increase, decrease or de-obligate program funds;

THAT the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to explore funding sources and partnerships that leverage the strength of said applications and any grants resulting from said applications.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2024.


CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leaser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Roberta Brito
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Stephen I. Voglewede
Strategic and Legislative Affairs Director