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Item 46

Update on Federal Funding Opportunities

Community Project Funding

Transportation & Infrastructure Projects



Goal 5. Promote transparent and consistent communication amongst all members of the community

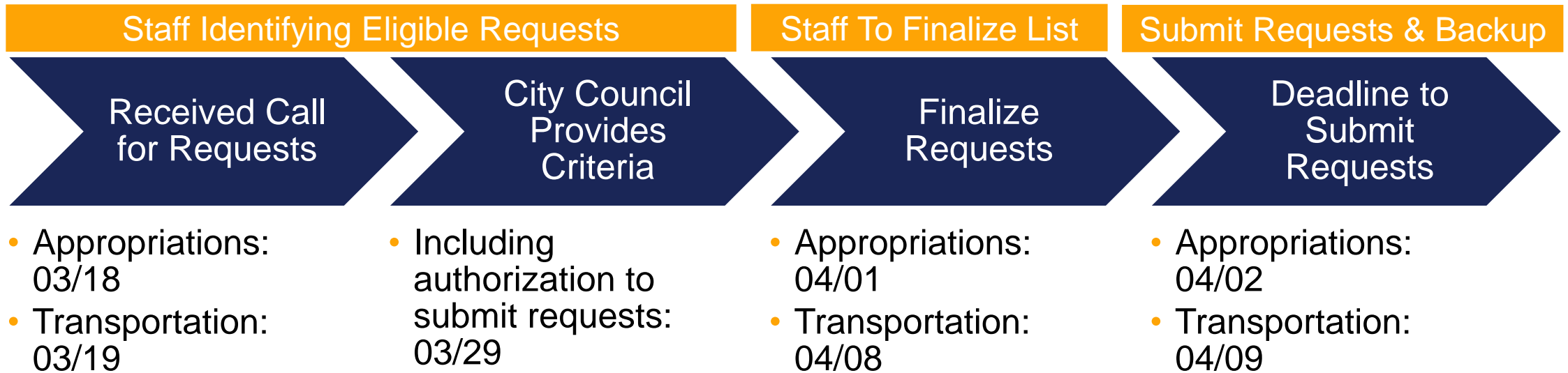


Presentation Purpose

- **Provide an update** on City project submittals for the FY22 federal appropriations and surface transportation reauthorization processes
- **Consider a resolution** providing support to the County for County project submittals



Submittal Timeline



Community Project Funding:

Alignment with Federal Requirements & Guidelines

- **Project Funding Cap:** Less than \$1.5 million per project;
- **Local Match:** Plan for local match required (recommended 25% match);
- **Community Support:** Demonstrated community support for project;
- **One-Time Funding:** Limited to FY22 funding only;
- **Categories Eligible:** Broad range of projects that can be included
- **Limited Funding:** Each congressperson may only submit 10 projects

Surface Transportation Funding: Alignment with Federal Requirements & Guidelines

- **Project Funding Cap:** Be cognizant of congressperson cap;
- **Local Match:** Plan for local match required (at least 20% match);
- **Community Support:** Demonstrated community support for project;
- **One-Time Funding:** Limited to FY22 funding only;
- **Categories Eligible:** Surface transportation, including highway and public transit, and projects should be on STIP or TIP;
- **Limited Funding:** Each congressperson may only submit \$15 to \$20 million in funding requests

Organizational Criteria:

Alignment with the City's Strategic Plan

- Each funding request and program recommendations is tied to the **City of El Paso's Strategic Plan**.
- This is an **opportunity** for federal funding will support existing efforts while offering the opportunity to realize some community projects earlier than expected.
- Staff will **continue to pursue financial support** from state and federal agencies to offset the cost to El Paso



STRATEGIC
PLAN 2019

25 BY 2025



Organizational Criteria: Proposed Priority Areas

- Pandemic Relief
- Housing and Homelessness
- Public Safety
- Digital Inclusion and Expansion
- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- Airport
- International Bridges
- Transportation
- Development and Redevelopment
- Arts and Culture
- Economic Development

Community Project Funding – 11 City Proposals

Project	Total Cost	Federal Request	Local Match	Description
Deck Park Design	\$1,800,000	\$1,200,000	\$600,000	Design documents for Downtown Deck Park over widened I-10 (<i>in partnership with Paso del Norte Health Foundation</i>)
Trail Master Plan & Pilot	\$1,150,000	\$750,000	\$400,000	County-wide trail master plan and pilot segment connecting the Zoo to the MCA (<i>in partnership with Paso del Norte Health Foundation</i>)
Climate Action Plan	\$500,000	\$375,000	\$125,000	County-wide climate action plan to reduce greenhouse emissions
Casitas Community	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$0	Tiny housing project to address homelessness among youth aged 18 to 24 (<i>in partnership with El Paso Center for Children</i>)
Murchison Park Design	\$800,000	\$600,000	\$200,000	Design documents for redesign of Murchison Park overlooking El Paso and Juarez at top of Scenic Drive (<i>in partnership with the El Paso Community Foundation</i>)
Dream Maker's Fund	\$1,400,000	\$800,000	\$600,000	Small business revolving loan fund to assist in COVID recovery
Cleveland Square Park Improvements	\$1,200,000	\$900,000	\$300,000	Improvements to Cleveland Square Park to complement surrounding capital investments
Strategic Mobility Plan	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	\$250,000	Capital plan for interconnected multimodal infrastructure system
Police Body Cameras	\$725,000	\$525,000	\$200,000	150 to 200 police body cameras (our match is annual storage cost)
Airport Solar Panel Project	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	Covered parking structures at airport to offset 5% of airport's annual energy consumption
Eastside Fiber Expansion	\$1,350,000	\$1,000,000	\$350,000	Fiber connecting major public facilities in east El Paso

Transportation & Infrastructure Projects – 6 City Proposals

Project	Total Cost	Federal Request	Local Match	Description
Deck Park Design	\$1,800,000	\$1,200,000	\$600,000	Design documents for Downtown Deck Park over widened I-10
Mesa Park Drive Design	\$3,930,000	\$3,144,000	\$786,000	Design documents for Mesa Park extension connecting Mesa to I-10 through Walmart property
Sun Metro Fleet Replacement	\$1,200,000	\$960,000	\$240,000	Allows for replacement of two buses, in addition to the 6 we were able to replace (total of 12 need replacement)
Traffic Management Study	\$1,075,000	\$860,000	\$215,000	Upgrade traffic signals, adaptive technology, emergency preemption, mass transit priority
Ysleta/Zaragoza Feasibility Study	\$5,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	Master plan for expansion at Ysleta / Zaragoza POE
ITS at Stanton Port of Entry	\$9,000,000	\$7,200,000	\$1,800,000	Advanced traffic management system to complement State rider

Support for County Submitted Projects

- Evidence of community support is a critical component of each application
 - We have submitted several applications in partnership with local community organizations
 - Deck Park Design, Master Trail Plan & Pilot Segment, Casitas Community, and Murchison Park Design
- Requesting Council consideration of a resolution providing City support of 9 County proposals benefitting our community

County Submitted Community Projects

Project	Description
Cotton Valley Connect by Digital El Paso	Provide reliable access to public broadband service, via wireless mesh service to 6,500 students in San Elizario, Fabens, and Tornillo ISDs
El Paso County Crisis Intervention Team	Partnership between Sheriff's Office and Emergence Health Network to provide safer, more effective responses to dynamic law enforcement incidents
Fabens Airport Automated Weather Observation System	Enhance general aviation activity to attract additional aviation traffic
Reentry Transformation Center	Expand the existing reentry programming efforts in the jail to the community by providing a seamless system of care through release support, coordination and short term transitional housing
Alameda Project	Partnership with Paso del Norte Community Foundation and Health Foundation to engage the community in a planning process for the potential re-development of three vacant property sites on Alameda for substance abuse rehab, victim services, mental health services, or assistance for homeless population
Connecting Communities: Upper Valley First-Time Water & Wastewater	Design and environmental assessment for a cluster of first-time water and wastewater projects throughout the Upper Valley to facilitate 412 residents with access to critical infrastructure

County Submitted Transportation Projects

Project	Description
Tierra del Este Extension	Provide connectivity in Far East El Paso north of Pellicano. Project will provide alternative route for residents in the City, County and Horizon City. Phased construction submitted.
John Hayes Street Extension	Provide an alternative route to residents in the City, County, and Horizon in Far East El Paso. Phased construction submitted.
Bob Hope Extension	Provide connectivity in Far East El Paso to provide County residents, aligning with SISD expansion. Phased construction submitted.

Mission

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

Values

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople

Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government