

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 202025 GREEN RIBBON LANDSCAPE PROGRAM AFA

SUBJECT

(CD 8) Authorize Acceptance of the 2025 Green Ribbon Landscape Program Grant in an Amount of \$400,000.00, Awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation, Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the US 287 and East Berry Street Green Ribbon Project, Authorize Execution of a Landscape Maintenance Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation, Adopt Appropriation Ordinances, and Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program (2022 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of the 2025 Green Ribbon Landscape Program Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00, awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation;
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (CSJ 0172-06-108) for the US 287 and East Berry Street Green Ribbon project (City Project No. 105831) in the amount of \$772,030.00 with Federal participation in the amount of \$320,000.00, State participation in the amount of \$152,030.00, and Local participation in the amount of \$300,000.00;
3. Authorize execution of a Landscape Maintenance Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation, assigning maintenance responsibility to the City;
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Projects Federal Fund in the amount of \$320,000.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding the construction of the US 287 and East Berry Street Green Ribbon project (City Project No. 105831);
5. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Project State Fund in the amount of \$80,000.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding the construction of the US 287 and East Berry Street Green Ribbon project (City Project No. 105831); and
6. Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to accept the 2025 Green Ribbon Landscape Program Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00, awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with TXDOT in the amount of \$772,030.00 with City participation in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the US 287 and East Berry Street Green Ribbon Landscape project, and authorize execution of a Landscape Maintenance Agreement with TXDOT.

On May 9, 2024, as part of the 2025 Green Ribbon Landscape Program, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) awarded the City funding in an amount of \$400,000.00 for the construction of landscape improvements on US 287 Right-of-Way (Martin Luther King Freeway) at the intersection with Berry/Vaughn Street. The Green Ribbon Landscaping Planting Program allocates funds for landscaping activities, including the planting and establishment of native and adaptive trees and plants on state highways. The award is preliminary, pending a signed Advanced Funding Agreement as well as a Landscape Maintenance Agreement assigning maintenance responsibility to the City.

The project consists of the design and installation of landscaping and irrigation and will be let by the City in August 2025. The grant funding is to be used for construction purposes only. The City of Fort Worth is solely responsible for any costs associated with project management, design, construction inspection, materials testing, and bears the responsibility to fund cost overruns. The State is waiving \$152,030.00 of direct and indirect state costs for its plan review and oversight.

The project is currently funded for design using the 2022 Bond Program.

The table below summarizes the total funding for the project:

Fund	Existing Appropriations	Additional Appropriations	Revised FY2025 Budget
34027 - 2022 Bond Program	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
31001 - Grants Capital Projects Federal Fund	\$0.00	\$320,000.00	\$320,000.00
31002 - Grants Capital Project State Fund	\$0.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Project Total	\$300,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$700,000.00

The project is included in the 2022 Bond Program. The City’s Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25675-08-2022) provides liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to make any interim progress payments until the debt is issued. Once debt associated with a project is sold, debt proceeds will reimburse the interim financing source in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance 25515-05-2022).

Since no City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

The project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas Department of Transportation

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated in the 2022 Bond Program Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available in the current capital budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Cap Projects Federal and Grants Cap Projects State for the FY25 Green Ribbon Program project. The Transportation & Public Works Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Transportation & Public Works Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a State Advance Funding agreement.

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