

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/12/22

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-0278

LOG NAME: 21MILITARY FAMILY ADVOCACY RESOURCE CENTER

SUBJECT

(CD 7) Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program, in an Amount Up to \$1,900,000.00, to Better Serve Fort Worth Area Families by Renovating a Facility at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth to Provide a Military Family Advocacy Resource Center, Authorize Execution of Funding Agreement, and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of grant funds from the Governor's Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant, in an amount up to \$1,900,000.00 for the design and construction of a Military Family Advocacy Resource Center;
2. Authorize the execution of funding agreement; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating State Fund in the amount up to \$1,900,000.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding the design and construction of a Military Family Advocacy Resource Center.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to accept the Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grant, authorize grant agreements, and appropriate funds.

On October 19, 2021, the City Council approved a resolution (5490-10-2021) authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grant (DEAAG) through the Office of the Governor, Texas Military Preparedness Commission, and to provide \$1.2 million in local matching funds. The purpose of the grant and City match is to support the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB) in consolidating its Family Life Skill Center, College Campus Office and classrooms, Legal Services Center, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (Project) to better serve Fort Worth area military families, residents, and veterans. NAS JRB has identified a 17,000 square foot vacant structure on base to renovate for the combined services at an estimated cost of \$5.9 million. NAS JRB will be responsible for managing the design, construction and future maintenance of the Project.

The state awarded the City \$1.9 million in DEAAG funds that will be sent to the City through quarterly reimbursement requests. NAS JRB has committed to providing \$2.8 million in Department of Defense funds toward the Project. On March 8, 2022 (M&C 22-0088), the City Council approved the assignment of \$1.2 million in excess General Fund fund balance for the City's portion of the Project. NAS JRB will be responsible for all cost overruns or additional funds required to complete the Project. The City and NAS JRB will enter into a funding agreement to govern the transfer of the \$1.9 million of grant funds and \$1.2 million of City funds. The funding agreement will also dictate the requirements of NAS JRB to report back to the City so the City can make its reimbursement requests for the \$1.9 million of grant funds.

The total \$5,900,000.00 Project funding is illustrated in the table below:

Contributor	Grant Fund Name	Project Name	Authority	Amount
City of Fort Worth	Grants Operating State Fund	103987 Defense Economic Assistance	M&C 22-0088	\$1,200,000.00
DEAAG Grant	Grants Operating State Fund	103987 Defense Economic Assistance	This M&C	\$1,900,000.00
Department of Defense	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2,800,000.00
Total				\$5,900,000.00

This project is located in District 7.

Business Equity: Compliant to the Ordinance, a business equity goal is not established on federally-funded projects except where the City is mandated to set goals by state or federal requirements.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth and the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, Texas Military Preparedness Commission

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, receipt of the grant and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Operating State Fund. The Property Management Department (and Financial Management Services) is responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Property Management Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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