

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****February 15, 2022**

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**SUBJECT: AWARD OF DEFENSE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ADJUSTMENT
GRANT FOR THE NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE
FORT WORTH**

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 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.

The state awarded the City \$1.9 million in DEAAG funds. NAS JRB has committed to matching the grant with \$2.8 million in Department of Defense funds, along with the City's match of \$1.2 million. The attached excerpt from the February NAS JRB newsletter, *Lone Star Flyer*, describes the grant project.

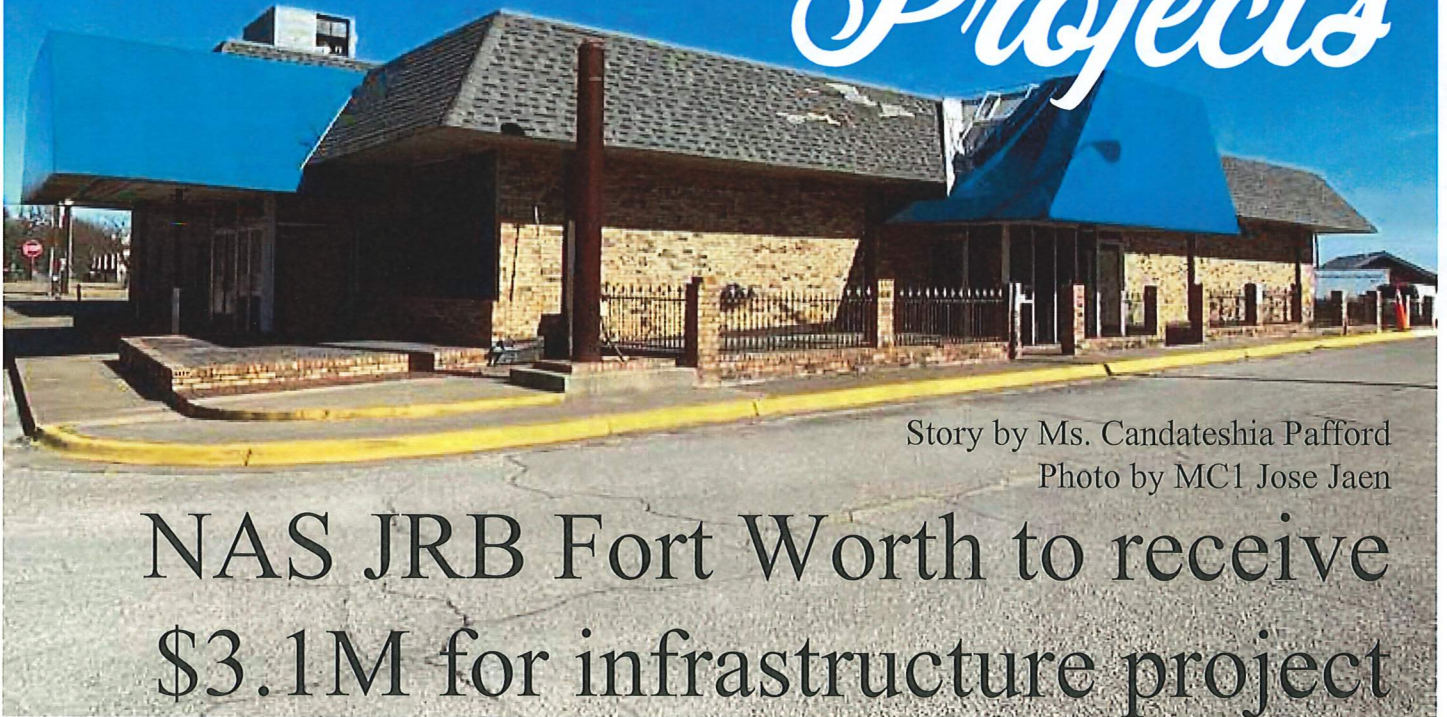
On February 8, 2022 (M&C 22-0088), the City Council approved the assignment of \$1.2 million in excess General Fund fund balance for the City's grant match. The M&C to accept the grant, authorize grant agreements, and appropriate the funds is planned for March City Council action.

For any questions on this information, please contact Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager, at 817-392-8018.

David Cooke
City Manager

Attachment

Base Improvement Projects



Story by Ms. Candateshia Pafford
Photo by MC1 Jose Jaen

NAS JRB Fort Worth to receive \$3.1M for infrastructure project

The City of Fort Worth, along with six other Texas cities, were awarded grant money from the state of Texas as part of Governor Greg Abbott's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) program. The state of Texas awarded \$1.9 million from the DEAAG program funding to NAS JRB Fort Worth, and the city of Fort Worth is contributing another \$1.2 million of their own funding to NAS JRB Fort Worth's Military Family Advocacy Resource Network building rehabilitation infrastructure project.

Gov. Abbott's Office announced on Jan. 11 a new round of \$15.3 million in grants awarded from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's DEAAG program to assist military communities across the state. "Not only are the 15 major military installations and Army Futures Command in Texas critical to our nation's defense, they also add over \$123 billion to the state's economy and support, directly and indirectly, more than 633,000 jobs in communities across this great state. That is why I will continue to work with the Texas Legislature and TMPC to ensure that our military installations continue to add unmatched value," said Abbott in a release.

Once completed, the infrastructure project will be the new home to NAS JRB Fort Worth's Military Family Advocacy Resource Center, the Navy College Campus office, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, and the Navy Region Legal Services Center.

CAPT Mark McLean, NAS JRB Fort Worth's commanding officer, expressed his gratitude to the state of Texas and to the City of Fort Worth for their financial contribution that will directly affect the wellbeing of the men, women, service member families and area veterans of NAS JRB Fort Worth. "Taking care of our military families and veterans is one of our nation's highest priorities as our service members put service before self in the defense of our nation. Once this infrastructure project is completed, the new Family Advocacy Resource facility will serve our military and their families well for years to come," said McLean.

The other Texas military communities that will benefit from this round of awards are Abilene, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Temple, and Val Verde County.