



NOTICE OF MEETING
GOVERNING BODY OF MARBLE FALLS, TEXAS
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – 6:00 pm

A quorum of the Marble Falls Economic Development Corporation
and the Planning & Zoning Commission may be present

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of June 2020 the Marble Falls City Council will meet in regular session at 6:00 pm at the Lakeside Pavilion located at 307 Buena Vista Drive, Marble Falls, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed:

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT**
2. **INVOCATION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG.**
"Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."
4. **UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS.** *This is an opportunity for citizens to address the City Council concerning an issue of community interest that is not on the agenda. Comments on a specific agenda item must be made when the agenda item comes before the Council. The Mayor may place a time limit on all comments. Any deliberation of an issue raised during Citizen Comments is limited to a statement of fact regarding the item; a statement concerning the policy regarding the item or a proposal to place the item on a future agenda.*
6. **CONSENT AGENDA.** *The items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to a motion and vote. The item will be considered in its normal sequence on the Regular Agenda.*
 - (a) Approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2020 regular meeting. *Christina McDonald, City Secretary*
 - (b) Approval of the acceptance of a Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant and authorize the Mayor to execute the terms and conditions. *Russell Sander, Fire Chief*
7. **REGULAR AGENDA.** *Council will individually consider and possibly take action on any or all of the following items:*

(a) Public Hearing, Discussion, and Action on Ordinance 2020-O-05C regarding a Conditional Use Permit to allow for single family detached use within the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District, Lot 1, Pleasant Valley Estates, City of Marble Falls Estates, City of Marble Falls, Burnet County, Texas. *Valerie Kreger, Director of Development Services*

(b) Discussion and Action on a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Marble Falls and Willdan Financial Services for professional consulting services necessary to conduct a Water and Wastewater Rate Study and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. *Baron Sauls, Director of Finance*

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Update on 2018 Flood Recovery

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

CLOSE OPEN SESSION AND CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to §551.071 (*Private Consultation between the Council and its Attorney*) of the Open Meetings Act. Tex. Gov't. Code, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the following:

- **Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal rights and obligations associated with the Flatrock Development Agreement**

10. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

"The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), 418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues) and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code, Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information)."

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Marble Falls will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending City Council Meetings. To better serve you, requests should be received 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact Ms. Christina McDonald, City Secretary at (830) 693-3615.

Certificate of Posting

I, Christina McDonald, City Secretary for the City of Marble Falls, Texas, do certify that this Notice of Meeting was posting at City Hall, in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 28th day of May, 2020 at 10:00 am and remained so posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Christina McDonald

Christina McDonald, TRMC
City Secretary

June 2, 2020

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the May 19, regular meeting. *Christina McDonald, City Secretary*
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**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BURNET
CITY OF MARBLE FALLS**

On this the 19th day of May 2020 the City Council convened in regular session at 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Pavilion located at 307 Buena Vista, Marble Falls with notice of meeting giving time, place, date, and subject having been posted as described in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PRESENT:

John Packer	Mayor
Richard Westerman	Mayor Pro-Tem
Craig Magerkurth	Councilmember
Celia Merrill	Councilmember
Reed Norman	Councilmember
Rene Rosales	Councilmember
Dave Rhodes	Councilmember

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Mike Hodge	City Manager
Caleb Kraenzel	Assistant City Manager
Christina McDonald	City Secretary
Patty Akers	City Attorney
Baron Sauls	Director of Finance
Mark Whitacre	Chief of Police
Angel Alvarado	Director of Human Resources
Christian Fletcher	EDC Executive Director
Midge Dockery	EDC Business Development Coordinator
Russell Sander	Fire Chief
Valerie Kreger	Director of Development Services
James Kennedy	Public Works Director
Erin Burks	Downtown Coordinator
Lacey Dingman	Director of Parks and Recreation
Kacey Paul	City Engineer
Jeff Felps	Water Plant Superintendent
Sean Schreiber	Water Plant Operator

VISITORS: Connie Swinney Ridgely (The Highlander), Alex Copeland (Daily Trib), Dee Haddock

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE QUORUM IS PRESENT.** Mayor Packer called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. **INVOCATION.** Councilmember Merrill gave the invocation.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE TEXAS FLAG.**
Mayor Pro-Tem Westerman led the pledges.
4. **UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**
 - **Proclamation** – Mayor Packer proclaimed the week of May 3-9, 2020 Public Service Recognition Week and presented the proclamation to Director of Human Resources Angel Alvarado.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS.** There were no citizen comments.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
 - (a) Approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2020 regular meeting.
 - (b) Approval of the appointments of Mark Mayfield, Ryan Nash and John Packer to the Marble Falls Economic Development Corporation.
 - (c) Approval of the appointment of William (Dee) Haddock to fill the unexpired term of Place 3 on the Planning and Zoning Commission.
 - (d) Approval of Resolution 2020-R-05A, a resolution allowing for the submission of an application to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program Grant to obtain funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus.
 - (e) Approval of the Impact Fee Advisory Committee's Semiannual Report for the period ending March 2020.

Councilmember Merrill made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rosales and carried by a unanimous vote (7-0).
7. **REGULAR AGENDA.**
 - (a) **Public Hearing, Discussion and Action on Ordinance 2020-O-05C regarding a Conditional Use Permit to allow for single family detached use within the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District, Lot 1, Pleasant Valley Estates, City of Marble Falls, Burnet County, Texas.** Valerie Kreger, Director of Development Services addressed Council. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing. There was discussion regarding providing water service to the subject property. After much discussion, Mayor Packer closed the public hearing and read the caption of the ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Westerman made a motion to continue action on Ordinance 2020-O-05C until the next regular City Council Meeting on June 2, 2020. Councilmember Merrill seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous vote (7-0).

- (b) **Discussion and Action on the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-O-05B amending the 2019/2020 Budget of the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Parks Improvement Fund, Water Wastewater Fund, HOT Fund, Equip Replacement Fund, TIRZ #1 Fund, and the Economic Development Fund.** Baron Sauls, Director of Finance presented the amendment. Councilmember Rhodes made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-O-05B. Mayor Pro-Tem Westerman seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
- (c) **Discussion regarding the presence of Zebra Mussels in Lake Marble Falls and how the City is protecting our critical infrastructure from this invasive species.** Kacey Paul, City Engineer gave a presentation on the presence of Zebra Mussels in Lake Marble Falls and led the discussion. Water Plant Supervisor Jeff Felps and Operator Sean Schreiber were also present. No action was taken.
- (d) **Discussion and Action on a License Agreement between the City of Marble Falls and Mitch McManus, allowing for the construction of a privately maintained patio within public right-of-way of the east side of the 300 block of Main Street.** Erin Burks, Downtown Coordinator addressed Council. There was some discussion regarding the license agreement as it relates to a future property owner and the consistency of the three types of railings at the location. Mayor Pro-Tem Westerman made a motion to approve the License Agreement contingent upon an agreement with staff and the land owner on design upgrades. Councilmember Norman seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Update on COVID-19 and Testing Site in City of Marble Falls.** Chief Sander provided the update.
- **Update on swimming pool/beach operations.** Mike Hodge, City Manager provided the update on the swimming pool and beach operations stating that a ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, May 22 at 4pm in Lakeside Park.
- **Transportation Alternative Fund Grant Award.** City Manager Hodge provided the update.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

CLOSE OPEN SESSION AND CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to §551.071 (*Private Consultation between the Council and its Attorney*) of the Open Meetings Act. Tex. Gov't. Code, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the following:

- **Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal rights and obligations associated with the Flatrock Development Agreement**
- **Consultation with City Attorney regarding possible sale of portion of city water system located in Los Escondido**

7:48 pm Council convened to Executive Session
8:50 pm Council returned to Open Session

10. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.** No action was taken.
11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** The draft agenda for the June 2 regular meeting was reviewed.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember Merrill made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Westerman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

John Packer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina McDonald, TRMC
City Secretary

June 2, 2020

6. CONSENT AGENDA

(b) Approval of the acceptance of Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant and authorize the Mayor to execute the terms and conditions. *Russell Sander, Fire Chief*



Council Agenda Item Cover Memo
June 2, 2020

Agenda Item No.: 6(b)

Presenter: R. Sander, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator

Department: Fire Department

Legal Review:

AGENDA CAPTION

Approval the acceptance of a Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant and authorize the Mayor to execute the terms and conditions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On May 12, 2020, Governor Abbott announced the Coronavirus Relief Fund grant program for cities and counties under 500,000 population for reimbursement under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The funds are for the response and recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The funding formula is based on \$55 per capita for each jurisdiction. According to the state's calculation, the City of Marble Falls is eligible up to \$391,875. Upon receipt of the signed forms, the city will receive 20% up front (\$78,375). The remaining funds will be distributed as a reimbursement for expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency. The City incurs the expense first and submit documentation for reimbursements. There is no matching funds for this grant.

The funds can be used for:

- Medical expenses such as costs of providing testing or emergency medical response to COVID-19
- Public health expenses such as enforcement of public health orders, expenses for acquisition of protective supplies, disinfection supplies and disinfection of public areas or facilities, public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19, quarantining individuals.
- Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services and similar employees who services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the public health emergency
- Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures such as expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees and expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions

- Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as small grants to businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruptions caused by required closures
- Any other COVID-19 related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility.

Items the funds cannot be used for:

- Replace revenue shortfalls in the budget
- Damages covered by insurance
- Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding the public health emergency
- Expenses reimbursed by other federal programs
- Reimbursement to donors of donated supplies
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements

Expenditures must be between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Additionally, 75% of the allotment will be spent in the categories of medical expenses, public health expenses, and payroll expenses for employees substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to public health emergency.

Staff recommends approval of the acceptance of the grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Terms and Conditions.

Attachments:

- Letter from Governor Abbott – Allocations for Texas Jurisdictions
- Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local and Tribal Governments
- Terms and Conditions
- Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions
- Signature Pages



STATE OF TEXAS

May 11, 2020

Dear County and City Leaders:

Thank you for your continued work to combat the coronavirus and address the ancillary effects of that fight in your communities. These are tremendously difficult times for all Texans. Please know that the elected representatives in your state government are working continuously to protect the health and safety of this state, mitigate the economic ramifications of COVID-19, and build a path towards recovery.

As you are keenly aware, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide much needed resources to help governments, businesses, and individuals respond to the current pandemic. President Trump signed the CARES Act into law and his administration continues to provide guidance on the numerous avenues of federal funding the legislation provides. Within the CARES Act, the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) was created to provide financial resources to state and local governments. As it relates to the CRF, Texas has received approximately \$11.24 billion from the United States Department of Treasury (Treasury) for direct coronavirus related expenses based on the funding formula provided in the CARES Act.

Consistent with the CARES Act, 45 percent of the total \$11.24 billion state allocation—approximately \$5.06 billion—will be made available to local governments. Of that \$5.06 billion, Treasury has directly sent just over \$3.2 billion to the six cities and 12 counties in Texas with a population greater than 500,000. That leaves approximately \$1.85 billion that the state can make available to the cities and counties in the rest of the state.

Counties below 500,000 population and the Cities within them

The 242 counties, and each of the cities within those counties, that did not receive direct allocations from Treasury are eligible to apply to the state for a per capita allocation from the \$1.85 billion. Cities with a population less than 500,000 located in counties with a population exceeding 500,000 are addressed later in this letter. County allocations will be calculated based on the population in the unincorporated areas of the county. We encourage cities and counties to work together to address expenses that cross jurisdictional lines.

The first allocation from the \$1.85 billion in local funds will be made available to these cities and counties on a \$55 per capita allotment. Twenty percent of each jurisdiction's allocation will be available immediately upon certification to the State that grant terms will be followed. Importantly, Treasury has provided strict guidelines for local governments to receive funds. Treasury affirmed that the State can transfer funds to local governments "provided that the transfer qualifies as a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency and meets the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act. Such funds would be subject to recoupment by the Treasury Department if they have not been used in a manner consistent with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act." Treasury has also instructed that "funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify as an eligible expenditure." Also, all costs must be incurred before December 30, 2020, to qualify for funding.

Once jurisdictions provide documentation on the initial funding, they will then be able to access the remainder of their allocation on a reimbursement basis. The unallocated funds will be reserved for local expenses as future outbreaks and the long-term impacts of COVID-19 are better known.

Cities below 500,000 population within Counties exceeding 500,000 population

The direct Treasury disbursements to the 12 counties were calculated based on their population, less the total population inside cities larger than 500,000 that reside within those counties. In the same way that cities and counties across the rest of the state will be provided funding on a per capita basis, and are encouraged to work together to address expenses that cross jurisdictional lines, the 12 counties that received direct funding from Treasury based on the total number of residents in their counties (excluding those in the six largest cities) are expected to use their funds to address expenses incurred by incorporated areas with a population less than 500,000 that are located in those counties as well as the needs of residents in unincorporated areas of those counties. Each of the incorporated areas located in a county that received a direct allocation from Treasury should seek funding for COVID-19 expenses directly from that county.

How to Apply

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) will administer the reimbursement process for the CRF. TDEM is partnering with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension to provide individual assistance to each of you throughout the process, and that work is already underway. All of the information to apply for the CRF, as well as guidance about eligible uses, can be found at the following website: www.tdem.texas.gov/crf. Questions can also be emailed to TDEM at CRF@tdem.texas.gov.

Thank you again for your work on behalf of your residents. All Texans expect government to work in a unified fashion to address this unprecedented situation, and we will continue to do so. We understand there will be numerous questions, and we are committed to working through them with you. In the meantime, please refer to the TDEM website for guidance.

Sincerely,



Governor Greg Abbott



Lt. Governor Dan Patrick



Speaker Dennis Bonnen



Senator Jane Nelson
Chair, Senate Finance Committee



Representative Giovanni Capriglione
Chair, House Appropriations Committee



Senator Juan Chuy Hinojosa
Vice-Chair, Senate Finance Committee



Representative Oscar Longoria
Vice-Chair, House Appropriations Committee

Coronavirus Relief Fund
Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments
April 22, 2020

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to recipients of the funding available under section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”). The CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (the “Fund”) and appropriated \$150 billion to the Fund. Under the CARES Act, the Fund is to be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories (consisting of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands); and Tribal governments.

The CARES Act provides that payments from the Fund may only be used to cover costs that—

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.¹

The guidance that follows sets forth the Department of the Treasury’s interpretation of these limitations on the permissible use of Fund payments.

Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency

The requirement that expenditures be incurred “due to” the public health emergency means that expenditures must be used for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency. These may include expenditures incurred to allow the State, territorial, local, or Tribal government to respond directly to the emergency, such as by addressing medical or public health needs, as well as expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the emergency, such as by providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures.

Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute. Although a broad range of uses is allowed, revenue replacement is not a permissible use of Fund payments.

The statute also specifies that expenditures using Fund payments must be “necessary.” The Department of the Treasury understands this term broadly to mean that the expenditure is reasonably necessary for its intended use in the reasonable judgment of the government officials responsible for spending Fund payments.

Costs not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020

The CARES Act also requires that payments be used only to cover costs that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020. A cost meets this requirement if either (a) the cost cannot lawfully be funded using a line item, allotment, or allocation within that budget *or* (b) the cost

¹ See Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act.

is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation.

The “most recently approved” budget refers to the enacted budget for the relevant fiscal period for the particular government, without taking into account subsequent supplemental appropriations enacted or other budgetary adjustments made by that government in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. A cost is not considered to have been accounted for in a budget merely because it could be met using a budgetary stabilization fund, rainy day fund, or similar reserve account.

Costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020

A cost is “incurred” when the responsible unit of government has expended funds to cover the cost.

Nonexclusive examples of eligible expenditures

Eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to, payment for:

1. Medical expenses such as:
 - COVID-19-related expenses of public hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities.
 - Expenses of establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity, including related construction costs.
 - Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing.
 - Emergency medical response expenses, including emergency medical transportation, related to COVID-19.
 - Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities for COVID-19-related treatment.
2. Public health expenses such as:
 - Expenses for communication and enforcement by State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments of public health orders related to COVID-19.
 - Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment, for medical personnel, police officers, social workers, child protection services, and child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, *e.g.*, nursing homes, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - Expenses for technical assistance to local authorities or other entities on mitigation of COVID-19-related threats to public health and safety.
 - Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19.
 - Expenses for quarantining individuals.
3. Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

4. Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures, such as:
 - Expenses for food delivery to residents, including, for example, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
 - Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions.
 - Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
 - Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
 - COVID-19-related expenses of maintaining state prisons and county jails, including as relates to sanitation and improvement of social distancing measures, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
 - Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
5. Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as:
 - Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.
 - Expenditures related to a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government payroll support program.
 - Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.
6. Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.

Nonexclusive examples of ineligible expenditures²

The following is a list of examples of costs that would *not* be eligible expenditures of payments from the Fund.

1. Expenses for the State share of Medicaid.³
2. Damages covered by insurance.
3. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

² In addition, pursuant to section 5001(b) of the CARES Act, payments from the Fund may not be expended for an elective abortion or on research in which a human embryo is destroyed, discarded, or knowingly subjected to risk of injury or death. The prohibition on payment for abortions does not apply to an abortion if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest; or in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed. Furthermore, no government which receives payments from the Fund may discriminate against a health care entity on the basis that the entity does not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions.

³ See 42 C.F.R. § 433.51 and 45 C.F.R. § 75.306.

4. Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program, such as the reimbursement by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act of contributions by States to State unemployment funds.
5. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
6. Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
7. Severance pay.
8. Legal settlements.



CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MAY 11, 2020

About This Document

In this document, grantees will find the terms and conditions applicable to payments distributed in the form of grants to local units of governments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund established within section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”).

These requirements are in addition to those that can be found within the Grant Management System (GMS), to which grantees agreed to when accepting the grant. Other state and federal requirements and conditions may apply to your grant, including but not limited to: 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code; the Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS) developed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts; the state Funding Announcement or Solicitation under which the grant application was made; and any applicable documents referenced in the documents listed above.

To the extent the terms and conditions of this grant agreement do not address a particular circumstance or are otherwise unclear or ambiguous, such terms and conditions are to be construed consistent with the general objectives, expectations and purposes of this grant agreement and in all cases, according to its fair meaning. The parties acknowledge that each party and its counsel have reviewed this grant agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this grant agreement. Any vague, ambiguous or conflicting terms shall be interpreted and construed in such a manner as to accomplish the purpose of the grant agreement.

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1 Grant Agreement Requirements and Conditions

1.1 *Applicability of Grant Agreement and Provisions*

The Grant Agreement is subject to the additional terms, conditions, and requirements of other laws, rules, regulations and plans recited herein and is intended to be the full and complete expression of and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, promises, representations, terms and conditions, both oral and written, are superseded and replaced by this Grant Agreement.

Notwithstanding any expiration or termination of this Grant Agreement, the rights and obligations pertaining to the grant close-out, cooperation and provision of additional information, return of grant funds, audit rights, records retention, public information, and any other provision implying survivability shall remain in effect after the expiration or termination of this Grant Agreement.

1.2 *Legal Authority to Apply*

The grantee certifies that it possesses legal authority to apply for the grant. A resolution, motion or similar action has been or will be duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative, or their designee of the organization to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

1.3 *Grant Acceptance*

The Notice of Subrecipient Grant Award remains an offer until the fully executed copy of this Grant Agreement is received by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

1.4 *Project Period*

Funding has been authorized for eligible expenditures incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. The specific performance period for this grant is listed on the Notice of Subrecipient Grant Award. All expenditures must be incurred, and all services must be received within the performance period. TDEM will not be obligated to reimburse expenses incurred after the performance period. A cost is incurred when the responsible unit of government has expended funds to cover the cost.

1.5 *General Responsibility*

Per the CARES Act, CRF grant funds may only be used to cover expenses that –

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the state or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

The US Department of Treasury (Treasury) provided additional guidance on the permissible use of grant funds, including nonexclusive examples of eligible expenses in the following categories:

1. Medical expenses,
2. Public health expenses,

3. Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency,
4. Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures,
5. Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, and
6. Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.

Further explanation of these categories and examples can be found at the following link:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

The subrecipient agrees that a minimum of 75% of its allotment will be spent in the categories of medical expenses, public health expenses and payroll expenses for employees substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the public emergency. The remainder of the allotment may be spent in any of the categories provided within the Treasury guidance.

The grantee certifies compliance with these eligible expenses by executing the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Eligibility Certification Form in Exhibit E, which is attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes.

The grantee is responsible for the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of the grant project; accountability for all funds awarded; and compliance with TDEM administrative rules, policies and procedures, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

The grantee will maintain an appropriate grant administration system to ensure that all terms, conditions and specifications of the grant are met.

1.6 Amendments and Changes to the Grant Agreement

TDEM and the grantee may agree to make adjustments to the grant. Adjustments include, but are not limited to, modifying the scope of the grant project, adding funds to previously un-awarded cost items or categories changing funds in any awarded cost items or category, deobligating awarded funds or changing grant officials.

The grantee has no right or entitlement to reimbursement with grant funds. TDEM and grantee agree that any act, action or representation by either Party, their agents or employees that purports to waive or alter the terms of the Grant Agreement or increase the maximum liability of TDEM is void unless a written amendment to this Grant Agreement is first executed and documented in GMS. The grantee agrees that nothing in this Grant Agreement will be interpreted to create an obligation or liability of TDEM in excess of the "Maximum Liability of the TDEM" as set forth in the Notice of Subrecipient Grant Award.

Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this Grant Agreement must be documented in GMS to be binding upon the Parties. Notwithstanding this requirement, it is understood and agreed by Parties hereto, that changes in local, state and federal rules, regulations or laws applicable hereto, may occur during the term of this Grant Agreement and that any such changes shall be automatically incorporated into this Grant Agreement without written amendment hereto, and shall become a part hereof as of the effective date of the rule, regulation or law.

1.7 Jurisdictional Cooperation

A municipality may yield any portion of its allocated funds to the county within which it exists or a county may yield any portion of its allocated funds to a municipality within its footprint for eligible expenses. This may be accomplished in one of the following ways:

1. By a grant amendment, as described in section 1.6, where by funds are deobligated from the original subrecipient and then added to previously un-awarded costs items or categories of the receiving jurisdiction's grant award.
2. A subrecipient may use funds pursuant to this agreement to subcontract with another political subdivision within its jurisdiction for eligible and necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency. The subrecipient is responsible for ensuring subcontractor eligibility and maintaining all required documentation.

1.8 Public Information and Meetings

Notwithstanding any provisions of this Grant Agreement to the contrary, the grantee acknowledges that the State of Texas, TDEM, and this Grant Agreement are subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552 (the "PIA"). The grantee acknowledges that TDEM will comply with the PIA, as interpreted by judicial opinions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

The grantee acknowledges that information created or exchanged in connection with this Grant Agreement, including all reimbursement documentation submitted to TDEM, is subject to the PIA, whether created or produced by the grantee or any third party, and the grantee agrees that information not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the PIA, will be available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to TDEM or State of Texas. The grantee will cooperate with TDEM in the production of documents or information responsive to a request for information.

1.9 Remedies for Non-Compliance

If TDEM determines that the grantee materially fails to comply with any term of this grant agreement, whether stated in a federal or state statute or regulation, an assurance, in a state plan or application, a notice of award, or any other applicable requirement, TDEM, in its sole discretion may take actions including:

1. Temporarily withholding cash payments pending correction of the deficiency or more severe enforcement action by TDEM;
2. Disallowing or denying use of funds for all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;
3. Disallowing claims for reimbursement;
4. Wholly or partially suspending or terminating this grant;
5. Requiring return or offset of previous reimbursements;
6. Prohibiting the grantee from applying for or receiving additional funds for other grant programs administered by TDEM until repayment to TDEM is made and any other compliance or audit finding is satisfactorily resolved;
7. Reducing the grant award maximum liability of TDEM;
8. Terminating this Grant Agreement;
9. Imposing a corrective action plan;

10. Withholding further awards; or
11. Taking other remedies or appropriate actions.

The grantee costs resulting from obligations incurred during a suspension or after termination of this grant are not allowable unless TDEM expressly authorizes them in the notice of suspension or termination or subsequently.

TDEM, at its sole discretion, may impose sanctions without first requiring a corrective action plan.

1.10 False Statements by Grantee

By acceptance of this grant agreement, the grantee makes all the statements, representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications and affirmations included in this grant agreement. If applicable, the grantee will comply with the requirements of 31 USC § 3729, which set forth that no grantee of federal payments shall submit a false claim for payment.

If any of the statements, representations, certifications, affirmations, warranties, or guarantees are false or if the grantee signs or executes the grant agreement with a false statement or it is subsequently determined that the grantee has violated any of the statements, representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications or affirmations included in this grant agreement, then TDEM may consider this act a possible default under this grant agreement and may terminate or void this grant agreement for cause and pursue other remedies available to TDEM under this grant agreement and applicable law. False statements or claims made in connection with TDEM grants may result in fines, imprisonment, and debarment from participating in federal grants or contract, and/or other remedy available by law, potentially including the provisions of 38 USC §§ 3801-3812, which details the administrative remedies for false claims and statements made.

1.11 Conflict of Interest Safeguards

The grantee will establish safeguards to prohibit its employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest or personal gain, whether for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties. The grantee will operate with complete independence and objectivity without actual, potential, or apparent conflict of interest with respect to its performance under this Grant Agreement. The grantee certifies as to its own organization, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, no member of The A&M System or The A&M System Board of Regents, nor any employee, or person, whose salary is payable in whole or in part by a member of The A&M System, has direct or indirect financial interest in the award of this Grant Agreement, or in the services to which this Grant Agreement relates, or in any of the profits, real or potential, thereof.

1.12 Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

The grantee understands that TDEM does not tolerate any type of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received from TDEM. TDEM's policy is to promote consistent, legal, and ethical organizational behavior, by assigning responsibilities and providing guidelines to enforce controls. Any violations of law, TDEM policies, or standards of ethical conduct will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken. The grantee understands and agrees that misuse of award funds may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds, suspension or debarment from federal and state grants, recoupment of monies provided under an award, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

In the event grantee becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste, or misuse of funds received from TDEM that is made against the grantee, the grantee is required to immediately notify TDEM of said allegation or finding and to continue to inform TDEM of the status of any such on-going investigations. The grantee must also promptly refer to TDEM any credible evidence that a principal,

employee, agent, grantee, contractor, subcontractor, or other person has -- (1) submitted a claim for award funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving award funds. Grantees must also immediately notify TDEM in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements. Grantees must notify the local prosecutor's office of any possible criminal violations. Grantees must immediately notify TDEM in writing if a project or project personnel become involved in any litigation, whether civil or criminal, and the grantee must immediately forward a copy of any demand, notices, subpoenas, lawsuits, or indictments to TDEM.

1.13 Termination of the Agreement

TDEM may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Grant Agreement, without recourse, liability or penalty against TDEM, upon written notice to grantee. In the event grantee fails to perform or comply with an obligation or a term, condition or provision of this Grant Agreement, TDEM may, upon written notice to grantee, terminate this agreement for cause, without further notice or opportunity to cure. Such notification of Termination for Cause will state the effective date of such termination, and if no effective date is specified, the effective date will be the date of the notification.

TDEM and grantee may mutually agree to terminate this Grant Agreement. TDEM in its sole discretion will determine if, as part of the agreed termination, grantee is required to return any or all of the disbursed grant funds.

Termination is not an exclusive remedy, but will be in addition to any other rights and remedies provided in equity, by law, or under this Grant Agreement, including those remedies listed at 2 C.F.R. 200.207 and 2 C.F.R. 200.338 – 200.342. Following termination by TDEM, grantee shall continue to be obligated to TDEM for the return of grant funds in accordance with applicable provisions of this Grant Agreement. In the event of termination under this Section, TDEM's obligation to reimburse grantee is limited to allowable costs incurred and paid by the grantee prior to the effective date of termination, and any allowable costs determined by TDEM in its sole discretion to be reasonable and necessary to cost-effectively wind up the grant. Termination of this Grant Agreement for any reason or expiration of this Grant Agreement shall not release the Parties from any liability or obligation set forth in this Grant Agreement that is expressly stated to survive any such termination or expiration.

1.14 Limitation of Liability

TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, THE GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND AGENCY, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, REGENTS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF, OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF RESPONDENT OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY RESPONDENT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND RESPONDENT MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. RESPONDENT AND AGENCY AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

The grantee agrees that no provision of this Grant Agreement is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by TDEM as an agency of the State of Texas, its officers, regents, employees, agents, or contractors or the State of Texas of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities from suit and liability that TDEM or the State of Texas may have by operation of law.

1.15 Dispute Resolution

The Parties' representatives will meet as needed to implement the terms of this Grant Agreement and will make a good faith attempt to informally resolve any disputes.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant Agreement to the contrary, unless otherwise requested or approved in writing by TDEM, the grantee shall continue performance and shall not be excused from performance during the period any breach of Grant Agreement claim or dispute is pending.

The dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 2260, shall be used by TDEM and grantee to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by the grantee that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. Grantee shall submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract under this Chapter to the Chief of TDEM, who shall examine the grantee's claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with grantee in an effort to resolve the claim.

The laws of the State of Texas govern this Grant Agreement and all disputes arising out of or relating to this Grant Agreement, without regard to any otherwise applicable conflict of law rules or requirements. Venue for any grantee-initiated action, suit, litigation or other proceeding arising out of or in any way relating to this Grant Agreement shall be commenced exclusively in the Travis County District Court or the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas - Houston Division. Venue for any TDEM-initiated action, suit, litigation or other proceeding arising out of or in any way relating to this Grant Agreement may be commenced in a Texas state district court or a United States District Court selected by TDEM in its sole discretion.

The grantee hereby irrevocably and unconditionally consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts referenced above for the purpose of prosecuting and/or defending such litigation. The grantee hereby waives and agrees not to assert by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that the grantee is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts; the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum; and/or the venue is improper.

1.16 Liability for Taxes

The grantee agrees and acknowledges that grantee is an independent contractor and shall be entirely responsible for the liability and payment of grantee's and grantee's employees' taxes of whatever kind, arising out of the performances in this Grant Agreement. The grantee agrees to comply with all state and federal laws applicable to any such persons, including laws regarding wages, taxes, insurance, and workers' compensation. TDEM and/or the State of Texas shall not be liable to the grantee, its employees, agents, or others for the payment of taxes or the provision of unemployment insurance and/or workers' compensation or any benefit available to a state employee or employee of TDEM.

1.17 Required State Assurances

The grantee must comply with the applicable State Assurances included within the State Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS), Section III, Subpart B, __.14, which are attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes as Exhibit A.

1.18 System for Award Management (SAM) Requirements

- A. The grantee agrees to comply with applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by OMB and, if applicable, the federal funding agency). These requirements include maintaining current registrations and the currency of the information in SAM. The grantee will review and update information at least annually until submission of the final financial report required under the award or

receipt of final payment, whichever is later, as required by 2 CFR Part 25.

- B. The grantee will comply with Executive Orders 12549 and 12689 that requires “a contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM)”, in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority. The grantee certifies it will verify each vendor’s status to ensure the vendor is not debarred, suspended, otherwise excluded or declared ineligible by checking the SAM before doing/renewing business with that vendor.
- C. The grantee certifies that it and its principals are eligible to participate in this Grant Agreement and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state or local governmental entity and the grantee is in compliance with the State of Texas statutes and rules relating to procurement and that the grantee is not listed in the federal government’s terrorism watch list as described in Executive Order 13224.

1.19 No Obligation by Federal Government

The Parties acknowledge and agree that the federal government is not a party to this Grant Agreement and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to either Party, third party or subcontractor pertaining to any matter resulting from this Grant Agreement.

1.20 Notice

Notice may be given to the grantee via GMS, email, hand-delivery, or United States Mail. Notices to the grantee will be sent to the name and address supplied by grantee in GMS.

1.21 Force Majeure

Neither the grantee nor TDEM shall be required to perform any obligation under this Grant Agreement or be liable or responsible for any loss or damage resulting from its failure to perform so long as performance is delayed by force majeure or acts of God, including but not limited to strikes, lockouts or labor shortages, embargo, riot, war, revolution, terrorism, rebellion, insurrection, pandemic, flood, natural disaster, or interruption of utilities from external causes. Each Party must inform the other in writing, with proof of receipt, within three (3) business days of the existence of such force majeure, or otherwise waive this right as a defense.

1.22 Debt to State

The grantee certifies, to the extent grantee owes any debt (child support or other obligation) or delinquent taxes to the State of Texas, any payments grantee is owed under this Grant Agreement may be applied by the Comptroller of Public Accounts toward any such debt or delinquent taxes until such debt or delinquent taxes are paid in full.

1.23 Franchise Tax Certification

If grantee is a taxable entity subject to the Texas Franchise Tax (Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code), then grantee certifies that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise (margin) taxes or that grantee is exempt from the payment of franchise (margin) taxes.

1.24 Severability

If any provisions of this Grant Agreement are rendered or declared illegal for any reason, or shall be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be modified or deleted in such manner so as to afford the Party for whose benefit it was intended the fullest benefit commensurate with making this Grant Agreement, as modified, enforceable, and the remainder of this Grant Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, but shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

1.25 E-Verify

By entering into this Grant Agreement, grantee certifies and ensures that it utilizes and will continue to utilize, for the term of this Grant Agreement, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's e-Verify system to determine the eligibility of (a) all persons employed during the contract term to perform duties within Texas; and (b) all persons (including subcontractors) assigned by the grantee pursuant to the Grant Agreement.

1.26 Compliance with Federal Law, Regulations, and Executive Orders

Grantee acknowledges that federal financial assistance funds will be used to fund the Grant Agreement. Grantee will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

1.27 Clean Air Act

The following is only applicable if the amount of the contract exceeds \$150,000.

- a. Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.
- b. Grantee agrees to report each violation to TDEM and understands and agrees that TDEM will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. Grantee agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by this Grant Agreement.

1.28 Federal Water Pollution Control Act

- a. Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
- b. Grantee agrees to report each violation to TDEM and understands and agrees that TDEM will, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency Regional Office.
- c. Grantee agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by this Grant Agreement.

1.29 Suspension and Debarment

- a. This Grant Agreement is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. Grantee certifies that grantee, grantee's principals (defined at 2C.F.R. Sec. 180.995), or its

affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. Sec. 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. Sec. 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. Sec. 180.935).

- b. Grantee must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- c. This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by TDEM. If it is later determined that grantee did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, in addition to remedies available to TDEM, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but limited to suspension and/or debarment.

1.30 Energy Conservation

If applicable, grantee agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

1.31 Procurement of Recovered Materials

- a. In the performance of this Grant Agreement, grantee shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired –
 - (i) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - (ii) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
 - (iii) At a reasonable price.
- b. Information about this requirement, along with the list of EPA-designated items, is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

1.32 Terminated Contracts

The grantee has not had a contract terminated or been denied the renewal of any contract for noncompliance with policies or regulations of any state or federally funded program within the past five (5) years nor is it currently prohibited from contracting with a governmental agency. If the grantee does have such a terminated contract, the grantee shall identify the contract and provide an explanation for the termination. The grantee acknowledges that this Grant Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld or return of grant funds required if this certification is inaccurate or false.

2 Property and Procurement Requirements

2.1 Property Management and Inventory

The grantee must ensure equipment purchased with grant funds is used for the purpose of the grant and as approved by TDEM. The grantee must develop and implement a control system to prevent loss, damage or theft of property and investigate and document any loss, damage or theft of property funded under this Grant.

The grantee must account for any real and personal property acquired with grant funds or received from

the Federal Government in accordance with 2 CFR 200.310 Insurance coverage through 200.316 Property trust relationship and 200.329 Reporting on real property. This documentation must be maintained by the grantee, according to the requirements listed herein, and provided to TDEM upon request, if applicable.

When original or replacement equipment acquired under this award by the grantee is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by the federal awarding agency or TDEM, the grantee must make proper disposition of the equipment pursuant to 2 CFR 200.

The grantee will maintain specified equipment management and inventory procedures for equipment (including replacement equipment), whether acquired in whole or in part with grant funds, until disposition takes place, with a per-unit cost of \$5,000 or greater. The equipment and inventory procedures include:

- A. The grantee must keep an inventory report on file containing equipment purchased with any grant funds during the grant period. The inventory report must agree with the approved grant budget and the final Financial Status Report and shall be available to TDEM at all times upon request.
- B. The grantee must maintain property/inventory records which, at minimum, include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of property, who holds title, the acquisition date, the cost of the property, the percentage of Federal participation in the cost of the property, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
- C. The grantee shall permanently identify all such equipment by appropriate tags or labels affixed to the equipment. Exceptions to this requirement are limited to items where placing of the marking is not possible due to the nature of the equipment.

2.2 Consulting Contracts

Pre-approval of costs related to consulting contracts is required and the value of consulting contracts entered into by the grantee may not exceed 5% of the total funds received by the local unit of government.

2.3 Procurement Practices and Policies

The grantee must follow applicable federal and state law, federal procurement standards specified in regulations governing federal awards to non-federal entities, their established policy, and best practices for procuring goods or services with grant funds. Procurement activities must follow the most restrictive of federal, state and local procurement regulations. Contracts must be routinely monitored for delivery of services or goods.

2.4 Contract Provisions Under Federal Awards

All contracts made by a grantee under a federal award must contain the provisions outlined in 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Appendix II to Part 200 Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

3 Audit and Records Requirements

3.1 Cooperation with Monitoring, Audits, and Records Requirements

All records and expenditures are subject to, and grantee agrees to comply with, monitoring and/or audits conducted by the United States Department of Treasury's Inspector General (DOTIG), TDEM, and the State

Auditor's Office (SAO) or designee. The grantee shall maintain under GAAP or GASB, adequate records that enable DOTIG, TDEM, and SAO to ensure proper accounting for all costs and performances related to this Grant Agreement.

3.2 Single Audit Requirements

Any grantee expending \$750,000 or more in federal funds in a fiscal year may be subject to Single Audit Requirements in 2 CFR, Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, at https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl.

The grantees expending more than \$750,000 in state funds in a fiscal year are subject to the requirements in the Texas Single Audit Circular, at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/ugms.pdf>. The audit must be completed and the data collection and reporting package described in 2 CFR 200.512 must be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) within 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditor's report(s), or nine months after the end of the audit period, whichever is earlier.

3.3 Requirement to Address Audit Findings

If any audit, monitoring, investigations, review of awards, or other compliance review reveals any discrepancies, inadequacies, or deficiencies which are necessary to correct in order to maintain compliance with this Grant Agreement, applicable laws, regulations, or the grantee's obligations hereunder, the grantee agrees to propose and submit to TDEM a corrective action plan to correct such discrepancies or inadequacies within thirty (30) calendar days after the grantee's receipt of the findings. The grantee's corrective action plan is subject to the approval of TDEM.

The grantee understands and agrees that the grantee must make every effort to address and resolve all outstanding issues, findings, or actions identified by DOTIG, TDEM, or SAO through the corrective action plan or any other corrective plan. Failure to promptly and adequately address these findings may result in grant funds being withheld, other related requirements being imposed, or other sanctions and penalties. The grantee agrees to complete any corrective action approved by TDEM within the time period specified by TDEM and to the satisfaction of TDEM, at the sole cost of the grantee. The grantee shall provide to TDEM periodic status reports regarding the grantee's resolution of any audit, corrective action plan, or other compliance activity for which the grantee is responsible.

3.4 Records Retention

- A. The grantee shall maintain appropriate audit trails to provide accountability for all expenditures of grant funds, reporting measures, and funds received from TDEM under this Grant Agreement. Audit trails maintained by the grantee will, at a minimum, identify the supporting documentation prepared by the grantee to permit an audit of its accounting systems and payment verification with respect to the expenditure of any funds awarded under this Grant Agreement.
- B. The grantee must maintain fiscal records and supporting documentation for all expenditures resulting from this Grant Agreement pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333 and state law.
 1. The grantee must retain these records and any supporting documentation for a minimum of seven (7) years from the later of the completion of this project's public objective, submission of the final expenditure report, any litigation, dispute, or audit.
 2. Records related to real property and equipment acquired with grant funds shall be retained for seven (7) years after final disposition.
 3. TDEM may direct a grantee to retain documents for longer periods of time or to transfer certain records to TDEM or federal custody when it is determined that the records possess long term

retention value.

4 Prohibited and Regulated Activities and Expenditures

4.1 Prohibited Costs

- A. Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute. Revenue replacement is not a permissible use of these grant funds. In accordance with Section 3.1 all record and expenditures are subject to review.
- B. Damages covered by insurance.
- C. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- D. Duplication of benefits including expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any other federal program.
- E. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
- F. Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
- G. Severance pay.
- H. Legal settlements.

4.2 Political Activities

Grant funds may not be used in connection with the following acts by agencies or individuals employed by grant funds:

- A. Unless specifically authorized to do so by federal law, grant recipients or their grantees or contractors are prohibited from using grant funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including lobbying or advocating for legislative programs or changes; campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties; and voter registration or get-out-the-vote campaigns. Generally, organizations or entities which receive federal funds by way of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements do not lose their rights as organizations to use their own, private, non-federal resources for “political” activities because of or as a consequence of receiving such federal funds. These recipient organizations must thus use private or other non-federal money, receipts, contributions, or dues for their political activities, and may not charge off to or be reimbursed from federal contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.
- B. Grant officials or grant funded employees may not use official authority or influence or permit the use of a program administered by the grantee agency of which the person is an officer or employee to interfere with or affect the result of an election or nomination of a candidate or to achieve any other political purpose.
- C. Grant-funded employees may not coerce, attempt to coerce, command, restrict, attempt to restrict, or prevent the payment, loan, or contribution of anything of value to a person or political organization for a political purpose.
- D. Grant funds may not be used to employ, as a regular full-time or part-time or contract employee, a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Government Code to register as a lobbyist. Furthermore, grant funds may not be used to pay, on behalf of the agency or an officer or employee of the agency, membership dues to an organization that pays part or all of the salary of

a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Government Code to register as a lobbyist.

- E. As applicable, the grantee and each contracting tier will comply with 31 USC § 1352, which provides that none of the funds provided under an award may be expended by the grantee to pay any person to influence, or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with any Federal action concerning the award or renewal. Grantee shall file the required certification attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes as Exhibit F. Each contracting tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

5 Financial Requirements

5.1 Direct Deposit

A completed direct deposit form from the grantee must be provided to TDEM prior to receiving any payments. The direct deposit form is currently available at <https://grants.tdem.texas.gov/>.

5.2 Payments and Required Documentation

Funding for this Grant Agreement is appropriated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-136) enacted on March 27, 2020, as amended, to facilitate protective measures for and recovery from the public health emergency in areas affected by COVID-19, which are Presidentially-declared major disaster areas under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). All expenditures under this Grant Agreement must be made in accordance with this Grant Agreement and any other applicable laws, rules or regulations. Further, grantee acknowledges that all funds are subject to recapture and repayment for non-compliance pursuant to Section 5.7 below.

Payment of funds on projects may be initiated by the grantee through a Request for Reimbursement (RFR) in GMS.

Grantee may initiate an Advance of Funds Request (AFR) through GMS for an initial cash advance to cover actual costs incurred or up to 20% of their total allocation, whichever is larger.

Additional advances or reimbursement requests may be requested following full reporting to TDEM of expenses incurred and applied against the initial and/or any subsequent advance payments.

If sufficient progress is not made towards expenditure of advanced funds and/or the grantee fails to meet financial reporting obligations, TDEM may implement sanctions as necessary up to and including grant termination.

All documentation for expenditures paid during the project period must be submitted to TDEM on or before the grant liquidation date.

5.3 Financial Reporting

Financial reports must be submitted to TDEM on a quarterly basis via GMS but can be submitted more often as necessary to draw down funds.

The final financial report must be submitted to TDEM on or before the grant liquidation date or the grant funds may lapse and TDEM will provide them as grants to other eligible jurisdictions.

5.4 Reimbursements

TDEM will be obligated to reimburse the grantee for the expenditure of actual and allowable allocable costs incurred and paid by the grantee pursuant to this Grant Agreement. TDEM is not obligated to pay unauthorized costs or to reimburse expenses that were incurred by the grantee prior to the commencement or after the termination of this Grant Agreement.

5.5 Refunds and Deductions

If TDEM determines that the grantee has been overpaid any grant funds under this Grant Agreement, including payments made inadvertently or payments made but later determined to not be actual and allowable allocable costs, the grantee shall return to TDEM the amount identified by TDEM as an overpayment. The grantee shall refund any overpayment to TDEM within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the notice of the overpayment from TDEM unless an alternate payment plan is specified by TDEM. Refunds may be remitted to: Texas Division of Emergency Management, P.O. Box 15467, Austin, Texas 78761.

5.6 Recapture of Funds

The discretionary right of TDEM to terminate for convenience under Section 1.13 notwithstanding, TDEM shall have the right to terminate the Grant Agreement and to recapture, and be reimbursed for any payments made by TDEM: (i) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, and regulations; or (ii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Grant Agreement, including any unapproved expenditures.

5.7 Liquidation Period

Grant funds will liquidate 90 calendar days following the project period end date or on December 30, 2020, whichever is earlier. Funds not obligated by the end of the grant period and not expended by the liquidation date will revert to TDEM.

5.8 Project Close Out

TDEM will close-out the grant award when it determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work of the grant have been completed by the grantee.

The grantee must submit all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the grant award.

The grantee must promptly refund any balances of unobligated cash that TDEM paid in advance or paid and that are not authorized to be retained by the grantee for use in other projects.

[EXHIBITS AND SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

EXHIBIT A - State of Texas Assurances

As the duly authorized representative of Grantee, I certify that Grantee:

1. Shall comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 573, by ensuring that no officer, employee, or member of the grantee's governing body or of the grantee's contractor shall vote or confirm the employment of any person related within the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity to any member of the governing body or to any other officer or employee authorized to employ or supervise such person. This prohibition shall not prohibit the employment of a person who shall have been continuously employed for a period of two years, or such other period stipulated by local law, prior to the election or appointment of the officer, employee, or governing body member related to such person in the prohibited degree.
2. Shall insure that all information collected, assembled, or maintained by the grantee relative to a project will be available to the public during normal business hours in compliance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law.
3. Shall comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, which requires all regular, special, or called meetings of governmental bodies to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law or specifically permitted in the Texas Constitution.
4. Shall comply with Section 231.006, Texas Family Code, which prohibits payments to a person who is in arrears on child support payments.
5. Shall not contract with or issue a license, certificate, or permit to the owner, operator, or administrator of a facility if the grantee is a health, human services, public safety, or law enforcement agency and the license, permit, or certificate has been revoked by another health and human services agency or public safety or law enforcement agency.
6. Shall comply with all rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement pursuant to Chapter 1701, Texas Occupations Code, or shall provide the grantor agency with a certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement that the agency is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules if the grantee is a law enforcement agency regulated by Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1701.
7. Shall follow all assurances. When incorporated into a grant award or contract, standard assurances contained in the application package become terms or conditions for receipt of grant funds. Administering state agencies and grantees shall maintain an appropriate contract administration system to insure that all terms, conditions, and specifications are met. (See UGMS Section _36 for additional guidance on contract provisions).
8. Shall comply with the Texas Family Code, Section 261.101, which requires reporting of all suspected cases of child abuse to local law enforcement authorities and to the Texas Department of Child Protective and Regulatory Services. Grantee shall also ensure that all program personnel are properly trained and aware of this requirement.
9. Shall comply with all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 including Titles I, II, and III of the Americans with Disability Act which prohibits recipients from discriminating on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities, 44 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to the nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290dd-3 and 290ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to this Grant.
10. Shall comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
11. Shall comply with requirements of the provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646), which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Shall comply with the provisions of the Hatch Political Activity Act (5 U.S.C. §§7321-29), which limit the political activity of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Shall comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970, as applicable.

14. Shall insure that the facilities under its ownership, lease, or supervision which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project are not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of Violating Facilities and that it will notify the Federal grantor agency of the receipt of any communication from the Director of the EPA Office of Federal Activities indicating that a facility to be used in the project is under consideration for listing by the EPA (EO 11738).
15. Shall comply with the flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Public Law 93-234. Section 102(a) requires the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition proposed for use in any area that has been identified by the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards.
16. Shall comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved state management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
17. Shall comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
18. Shall assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
19. Shall comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) which requires the minimum standards of care and treatment for vertebrate animals bred for commercial sale, used in research, transported commercially, or exhibited to the public according to the Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and Public Health Service Policy and Government Principals Regarding the Care and Use of Animals.
20. Shall comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residential structures.
21. Shall comply with the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-277), which prohibits smoking within any portion of any indoor facility used for the provision of services for children.
22. Shall comply with all federal tax laws and are solely responsible for filing all required state and federal tax forms.
23. Shall comply with all applicable requirements of all other federal and state laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
24. And its principals are eligible to participate and have not been subjected to suspension, debarment, or similar ineligibility determined by any federal, state, or local governmental entity and it is not listed on a state or federal government's terrorism watch list as described in Executive Order 13224. Entities ineligible for federal procurement have Exclusions listed at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.
25. Shall adopt and implement applicable provisions of the model HIV/AIDS work place guidelines of the Texas Department of Health as required by the Texas Health and Safety Code, Ann., Sec. 85.001, et seq.
26. Shall comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Rules established by the Texas Worker's Compensation Commission effective April 17, 1991.

EXHIBIT B – CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

I, _____, am the County Judge, Mayor or City Manager of _____ (“County”/”Municipality”), and I certify that:

1. I have the authority on behalf of County/Municipality to request grant payments from the State of Texas (“State”) for federal funds appropriated pursuant to section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, div. A, Title V (Mar. 27, 2020).
2. I understand that the State will rely on this certification as a material representation in making grant payments to the County/Municipality.
3. I acknowledge that County should keep records sufficient to demonstrate that the expenditure of funds it has received is in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.
4. I acknowledge that all records and expenditures are subject to audit by the United States Department of Treasury’s Inspector General, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Texas State Auditor’s Office, or designee.
5. I acknowledge that County has an affirmative obligation to identify and report any duplication of benefits. I understand that the State has an obligation and the authority to deobligate or offset any duplicated benefits.
6. I acknowledge and agree that County/Municipality shall be liable for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial or compliance audits of funds received.
7. I acknowledge that if County has not used funds it has received to cover costs that were incurred by December 30, 2020, as required by the statute, those funds must be returned to the United States Department of the Treasury.
8. I acknowledge that the County/Municipality’s proposed uses of the funds provided as grant payments from the State by federal appropriation under section 601 of the Social Security Act will be used only to cover those costs that:
 - a. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency and governor’s disaster declaration on March 13, 2020 with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
 - b. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for County/Municipality; and
 - c. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

In addition to each of the statements above, I acknowledge on submission of this certification that my jurisdiction has incurred eligible expenses between March 1, 2020 and the date noted below.

By: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT C - CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned grantee, _____, certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. Sec. 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 119). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The grantee, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, grantee understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Sec. 3801 *et seq.* apply to his certification and disclosure, if any.

By: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please initial by each Exhibit, acknowledging you have received them, understand them, and agree to abide by them.

_____ State of Texas Assurances, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit A"

_____ CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Eligibility Certification, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit B"

_____ Certification Regarding Lobbying, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit C"

Please sign below to acknowledged acceptance of the grant and all exhibits in this Grant Agreement, and to abide by all terms and conditions.

By: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**Coronavirus Relief Fund
Frequently Asked Questions
Updated as of May 4, 2020**

The following answers to frequently asked questions supplement Treasury’s Coronavirus Relief Fund (“Fund”) Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments, dated April 22, 2020, (“Guidance”).¹ Amounts paid from the Fund are subject to the restrictions outlined in the Guidance and set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”).

Eligible Expenditures

Are governments required to submit proposed expenditures to Treasury for approval?

No. Governments are responsible for making determinations as to what expenditures are necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 and do not need to submit any proposed expenditures to Treasury.

The Guidance says that funding can be used to meet payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. How does a government determine whether payroll expenses for a given employee satisfy the “substantially dedicated” condition?

The Fund is designed to provide ready funding to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. For this reason, and as a matter of administrative convenience in light of the emergency nature of this program, a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government may presume that payroll costs for public health and public safety employees are payments for services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, unless the chief executive (or equivalent) of the relevant government determines that specific circumstances indicate otherwise.

The Guidance says that a cost was not accounted for in the most recently approved budget if the cost is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation. What would qualify as a “substantially different use” for purposes of the Fund eligibility?

Costs incurred for a “substantially different use” include, but are not necessarily limited to, costs of personnel and services that were budgeted for in the most recently approved budget but which, due entirely to the COVID-19 public health emergency, have been diverted to substantially different functions. This would include, for example, the costs of redeploying corrections facility staff to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions through work such as enhanced sanitation or enforcing social distancing measures; the costs of redeploying police to support management and enforcement of stay-at-home orders; or the costs of diverting educational support staff or faculty to develop online learning capabilities, such as through providing information technology support that is not part of the staff or faculty’s ordinary responsibilities.

Note that a public function does not become a “substantially different use” merely because it is provided from a different location or through a different manner. For example, although developing online

¹ The Guidance is available at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>.

instruction capabilities may be a substantially different use of funds, online instruction itself is not a substantially different use of public funds than classroom instruction.

May a State receiving a payment transfer funds to a local government?

Yes, provided that the transfer qualifies as a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency and meets the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act. Such funds would be subject to recoupment by the Treasury Department if they have not been used in a manner consistent with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

May a unit of local government receiving a Fund payment transfer funds to another unit of government?

Yes. For example, a county may transfer funds to a city, town, or school district within the county and a county or city may transfer funds to its State, provided that the transfer qualifies as a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency and meets the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance. For example, a transfer from a county to a constituent city would not be permissible if the funds were intended to be used simply to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify as an eligible expenditure.

Is a Fund payment recipient required to transfer funds to a smaller, constituent unit of government within its borders?

No. For example, a county recipient is not required to transfer funds to smaller cities within the county's borders.

Are recipients required to use other federal funds or seek reimbursement under other federal programs before using Fund payments to satisfy eligible expenses?

No. Recipients may use Fund payments for any expenses eligible under section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance. Fund payments are not required to be used as the source of funding of last resort. However, as noted below, recipients may not use payments from the Fund to cover expenditures for which they will receive reimbursement.

Are there prohibitions on combining a transaction supported with Fund payments with other CARES Act funding or COVID-19 relief Federal funding?

Recipients will need to consider the applicable restrictions and limitations of such other sources of funding. In addition, expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program, such as the reimbursement by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act of contributions by States to State unemployment funds, are not eligible uses of Fund payments.

Are States permitted to use Fund payments to support state unemployment insurance funds generally?

To the extent that the costs incurred by a state unemployment insurance fund are incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, a State may use Fund payments to make payments to its respective state unemployment insurance fund, separate and apart from such State's obligation to the unemployment insurance fund as an employer. This will permit States to use Fund payments to prevent expenses related to the public health emergency from causing their state unemployment insurance funds to become insolvent.

Are recipients permitted to use Fund payments to pay for unemployment insurance costs incurred by the recipient as an employer?

Yes, Fund payments may be used for unemployment insurance costs incurred by the recipient as an employer (for example, as a reimbursing employer) related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.

The Guidance states that the Fund may support a “broad range of uses” including payroll expenses for several classes of employees whose services are “substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.” What are some examples of types of covered employees?

The Guidance provides examples of broad classes of employees whose payroll expenses would be eligible expenses under the Fund. These classes of employees include public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Payroll and benefit costs associated with public employees who could have been furloughed or otherwise laid off but who were instead repurposed to perform previously unbudgeted functions substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency are also covered. Other eligible expenditures include payroll and benefit costs of educational support staff or faculty responsible for developing online learning capabilities necessary to continue educational instruction in response to COVID-19-related school closures. Please see the Guidance for a discussion of what is meant by an expense that was not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020.

In some cases, first responders and critical health care workers that contract COVID-19 are eligible for workers’ compensation coverage. Is the cost of this expanded workers compensation coverage eligible?

Increased workers compensation cost to the government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency incurred during the period beginning March 1, 2020, and ending December 30, 2020, is an eligible expense.

If a recipient would have decommissioned equipment or not renewed a lease on particular office space or equipment but decides to continue to use the equipment or to renew the lease in order to respond to the public health emergency, are the costs associated with continuing to operate the equipment or the ongoing lease payments eligible expenses?

Yes. To the extent the expenses were previously unbudgeted and are otherwise consistent with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance, such expenses would be eligible.

May recipients provide stipends to employees for eligible expenses (for example, a stipend to employees to improve telework capabilities) rather than require employees to incur the eligible cost and submit for reimbursement?

Expenditures paid for with payments from the Fund must be limited to those that are necessary due to the public health emergency. As such, unless the government were to determine that providing assistance in the form of a stipend is an administrative necessity, the government should provide such assistance on a reimbursement basis to ensure as much as possible that funds are used to cover only eligible expenses.

May Fund payments be used for COVID-19 public health emergency recovery planning?

Yes. Expenses associated with conducting a recovery planning project or operating a recovery coordination office would be eligible, if the expenses otherwise meet the criteria set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance.

Are expenses associated with contract tracing eligible?

Yes, expenses associated with contract tracing are eligible.

To what extent may a government use Fund payments to support the operations of private hospitals?

Governments may use Fund payments to support public or private hospitals to the extent that the costs are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, but the form such assistance would take may differ. In particular, financial assistance to private hospitals could take the form of a grant or a short-term loan.

May payments from the Fund be used to assist individuals with enrolling in a government benefit program for those who have been laid off due to COVID-19 and thereby lost health insurance?

Yes. To the extent that the relevant government official determines that these expenses are necessary and they meet the other requirements set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance, these expenses are eligible.

May recipients use Fund payments to facilitate livestock depopulation incurred by producers due to supply chain disruptions?

Yes, to the extent these efforts are deemed necessary for public health reasons or as a form of economic support as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency.

Would providing a consumer grant program to prevent eviction and assist in preventing homelessness be considered an eligible expense?

Yes, assuming that the recipient considers the grants to be a necessary expense incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the grants meet the other requirements for the use of Fund payments under section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance. As a general matter, providing assistance to recipients to enable them to meet property tax requirements would not be an eligible use of funds, but exceptions may be made in the case of assistance designed to prevent foreclosures.

May recipients create a “payroll support program” for public employees?

Use of payments from the Fund to cover payroll or benefits expenses of public employees are limited to those employees whose work duties are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

May recipients use Fund payments to cover employment and training programs for employees that have been furloughed due to the public health emergency?

Yes, this would be an eligible expense if the government determined that the costs of such employment and training programs would be necessary due to the public health emergency.

May recipients use Fund payments to provide emergency financial assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by a loss of income due to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

Yes, if a government determines such assistance to be a necessary expenditure. Such assistance could include, for example, a program to assist individuals with payment of overdue rent or mortgage payments to avoid eviction or foreclosure or unforeseen financial costs for funerals and other emergency individual needs. Such assistance should be structured in a manner to ensure as much as possible, within the realm of what is administratively feasible, that such assistance is necessary.

The Guidance provides that eligible expenditures may include expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures. What is meant by a “small business,” and is the Guidance intended to refer only to expenditures to cover administrative expenses of such a grant program?

Governments have discretion to determine what payments are necessary. A program that is aimed at assisting small businesses with the costs of business interruption caused by required closures should be tailored to assist those businesses in need of such assistance. The amount of a grant to a small business to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures would also be an eligible expenditure under section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as outlined in the Guidance.

The Guidance provides that expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the public health emergency, such as expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures, would constitute eligible expenditures of Fund payments. Would such expenditures be eligible in the absence of a stay-at-home order?

Fund payments may be used for economic support in the absence of a stay-at-home order if such expenditures are determined by the government to be necessary. This may include, for example, a grant program to benefit small businesses that close voluntarily to promote social distancing measures or that are affected by decreased customer demand as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

May Fund payments be used to assist impacted property owners with the payment of their property taxes?

Fund payments may not be used for government revenue replacement, including the provision of assistance to meet tax obligations.

May Fund payments be used to replace foregone utility fees? If not, can Fund payments be used as a direct subsidy payment to all utility account holders?

Fund payments may not be used for government revenue replacement, including the replacement of unpaid utility fees. Fund payments may be used for subsidy payments to electricity account holders to the extent that the subsidy payments are deemed by the recipient to be necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and meet the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance. For example, if determined to be a necessary expenditure, a government could provide grants to individuals facing economic hardship to allow them to pay their utility fees and thereby continue to receive essential services.

Could Fund payments be used for capital improvement projects that broadly provide potential economic development in a community?

In general, no. If capital improvement projects are not necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, then Fund payments may not be used for such projects.

However, Fund payments may be used for the expenses of, for example, establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity or improve mitigation measures, including related construction costs.

The Guidance includes workforce bonuses as an example of ineligible expenses but provides that hazard pay would be eligible if otherwise determined to be a necessary expense. Is there a specific definition of “hazard pay”?

Hazard pay means additional pay for performing hazardous duty or work involving physical hardship, in each case that is related to COVID-19.

The Guidance provides that ineligible expenditures include “[p]ayroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.” Is this intended to relate only to public employees?

Yes. This particular nonexclusive example of an ineligible expenditure relates to public employees. A recipient would not be permitted to pay for payroll or benefit expenses of private employees and any financial assistance (such as grants or short-term loans) to private employers are not subject to the restriction that the private employers’ employees must be substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

May counties pre-pay with CARES Act funds for expenses such as a one or two-year facility lease, such as to house staff hired in response to COVID-19?

A government should not make prepayments on contracts using payments from the Fund to the extent that doing so would not be consistent with its ordinary course policies and procedures.

Questions Related to Administration of Fund Payments

Do governments have to return unspent funds to Treasury?

Yes. Section 601(f)(2) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001(a) of the CARES Act, provides for recoupment by the Department of the Treasury of amounts received from the Fund that have not been used in a manner consistent with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act. If a government has not used funds it has received to cover costs that were incurred by December 30, 2020, as required by the statute, those funds must be returned to the Department of the Treasury.

What records must be kept by governments receiving payment?

A government should keep records sufficient to demonstrate that the amount of Fund payments to the government has been used in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act

May recipients deposit Fund payments into interest bearing accounts?

Yes, provided that if recipients separately invest amounts received from the Fund, they must use the interest earned or other proceeds of these investments only to cover expenditures incurred in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act and the Guidance on eligible expenses. If a government deposits Fund payments in a government’s general account, it may use those funds to meet immediate cash management needs provided that the full amount of the payment is used to cover necessary

expenditures. Fund payments are not subject to the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990, as amended.

May governments retain assets purchased with payments from the Fund?

Yes, if the purchase of the asset was consistent with the limitations on the eligible use of funds provided by section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

What rules apply to the proceeds of disposition or sale of assets acquired using payments from the Fund?

If such assets are disposed of prior to December 30, 2020, the proceeds would be subject to the restrictions on the eligible use of payments from the Fund provided by section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

EXHIBIT B – CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

I, _____, am the County Judge, Mayor or City Manager of _____
("County"/"Municipality"), and I certify that:

1. I have the authority on behalf of County/Municipality to request grant payments from the State of Texas ("State") for federal funds appropriated pursuant to section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, div. A, Title V (Mar. 27, 2020).
2. I understand that the State will rely on this certification as a material representation in making grant payments to the County/Municipality.
3. I acknowledge that County should keep records sufficient to demonstrate that the expenditure of funds it has received is in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.
4. I acknowledge that all records and expenditures are subject to audit by the United States Department of Treasury's Inspector General, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Texas State Auditor's Office, or designee.
5. I acknowledge that County has an affirmative obligation to identify and report any duplication of benefits. I understand that the State has an obligation and the authority to deobligate or offset any duplicated benefits.
6. I acknowledge and agree that County/Municipality shall be liable for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial or compliance audits of funds received.
7. I acknowledge that if County has not used funds it has received to cover costs that were incurred by December 30, 2020, as required by the statute, those funds must be returned to the United States Department of the Treasury.
8. I acknowledge that the County/Municipality's proposed uses of the funds provided as grant payments from the State by federal appropriation under section 601 of the Social Security Act will be used only to cover those costs that:
 - a. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency and governor's disaster declaration on March 13, 2020 with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
 - b. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for County/Municipality; and
 - c. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

In addition to each of the statements above, I acknowledge on submission of this certification that my jurisdiction has incurred eligible expenses between March 1, 2020 and the date noted below.

By: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

EXHIBIT C - CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned grantee, _____, certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, “Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying,” in accordance with its instructions.
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. Sec. 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 119). Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The grantee, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, grantee understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. Sec. 3801 *et seq.* apply to his certification and disclosure, if any.

By: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Please initial by each Exhibit, acknowledging you have received them, understand them, and agree to abide by them.

_____ State of Texas Assurances, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit A"

_____ CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Eligibility Certification, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit B"

_____ Certification Regarding Lobbying, hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit C"

Please sign below to acknowledged acceptance of the grant and all exhibits in this Grant Agreement, and to abide by all terms and conditions.

By: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

June 2, 2020

7. REGULAR AGENDA

- (a) Public Hearing, Discussion, and Action on Ordinance 2020-O-05C regarding a Conditional Use Permit to allow for single family detached use within the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District, Lot 1, Pleasant Valley Estates, City of Marble Falls Estates, City of Marble Falls, Burnet County, Texas. *Valerie Kreger, Director of Development Services*
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Council Agenda Item Cover Memo
June 2, 2020

Agenda Item No.: 7(a)
Presenter: Valerie Kreger, Director of Development Services
Department: Development Services
Legal Review: N/A

AGENDA CAPTION

Public Hearing, Discussion, and Action on Ordinance 2020-O-05C regarding a Conditional Use Permit to allow for single family detached use within the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District, Lot 1, Pleasant Valley Estates, City of Marble Falls Estates, City of Marble Falls, Burnet County, Texas

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This item is for consideration of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for single-family detached use within the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District on Lot 1, Pleasant Valley Estates with site plan approval. It is a continuation from the regular City Council meeting on May 19, 2020.

The Subject Area is a 15.83-acre undeveloped tract of land on FM 1431 currently zoned as Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District. The applicant is proposing to construct a single-family residence. The NC district allow for Single-Family Detached use as a conditional use. City code states that the conditional use shall be located, designed, and operated to be compatible with uses of surrounding properties and within the City. The single- family detached use requires approval of a Conditional Use Permit due to the unique characteristics which require special public review to ensure adequate mitigation of potential impacts. The applicant is requesting approval based on site plan the and does not have proposed elevations at this time.

Neighboring properties to the south, east, and west are zoned NC. The property to the north is zoned Farm and Ranch (FR) District. Properties to the north, east, and west are vacant lots. The use for the property to the south of the subject area is light-industrial.

Although, the Future Land Use Plan designates this property as neighborhood commercial, the adjacent properties to the north are designated as Transitional Residential and the single-family use at the proposed site does not appear to pose any unfavorable impacts on nearby uses. Furthermore, the proposed use will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity.

A total of 11 adjacent property owners within two hundred feet (200') of the Subject Area were mailed notification letters, including the public hearing dates and a pre-paid comment card for response supporting/opposing the proposed CUP. At the time of packet distribution one (1) property owner responded in opposition and one (1) in favor of the CUP.

At the April 23, 2020 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting the Commission recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit by a vote of 7 – 0.

At the May 19th City Council meeting, the Council discussed utilities and whether water would be required to be extended through the property to the adjacent property. The proposed development is not required to extend and connect to City utilities due to the property being more than 1,500 feet from an existing system and the proposed development does not trigger subdivision regulations. A commercial use would require fire flow, which would require either the extension of the water line or a water tank. The adjacent property is in the ETJ, and as the City cannot unilaterally annex, the property would not be required to come into the City limits unless they chose to acquire City services. Additionally, the City's fire flow regulations do not extend to the ETJ. The Council also discussed the possibility of requiring the owner to establish an easement along the front of the property, participate in the utility extension at such time the adjacent property was to develop and require utilities, or extend the line at this time. The Council voted unanimously to continue the item to a future date in order to continue the discussion with the owner present.

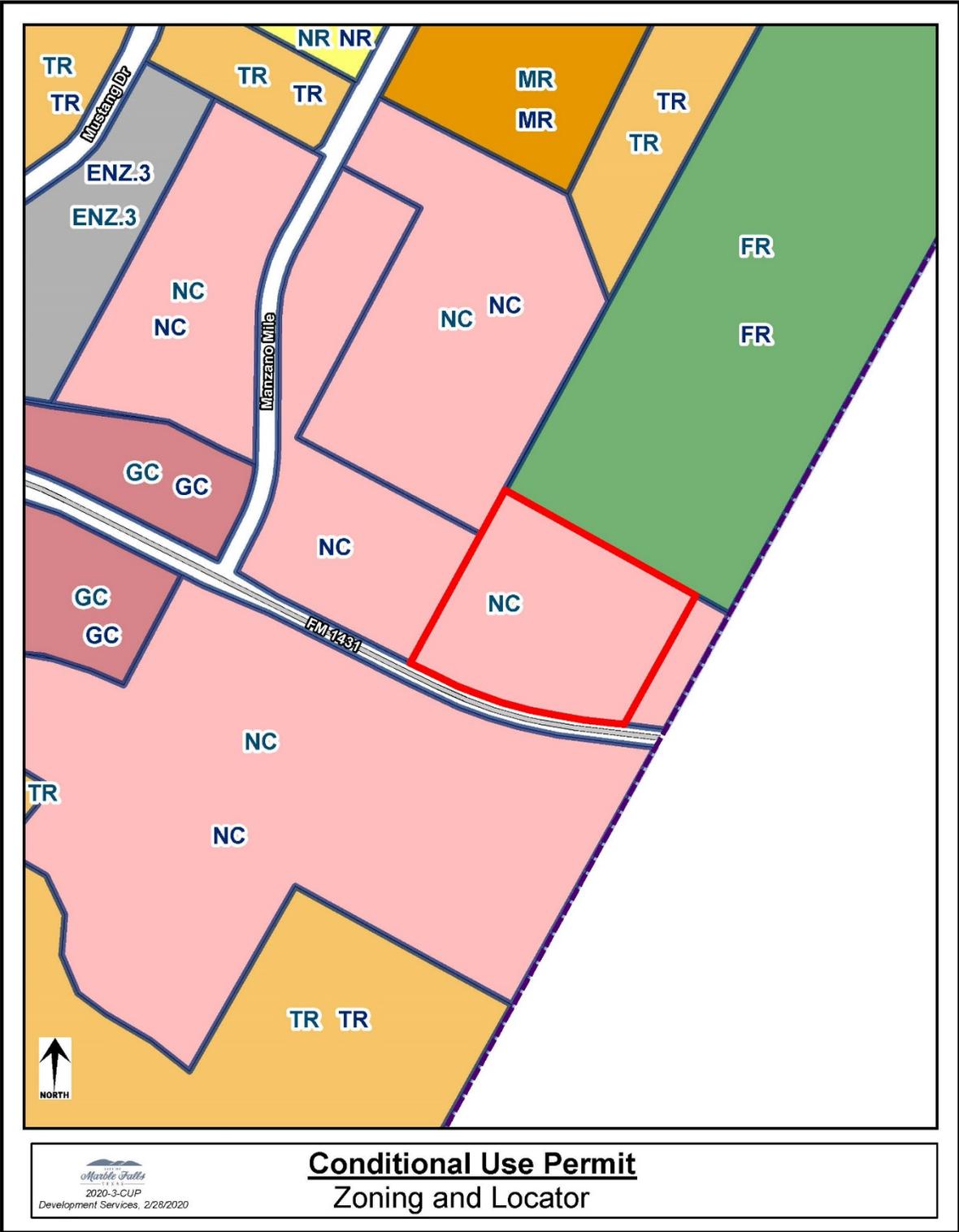
Since the May 19th City Council meeting, staff has confirmed the lot does have 15-foot utility easements at the front lot line along FM 1431. This would allow the extension of utilities through the lot for future development. Additionally, the owner has confirmed he will be present at the June 2nd City Council meeting.

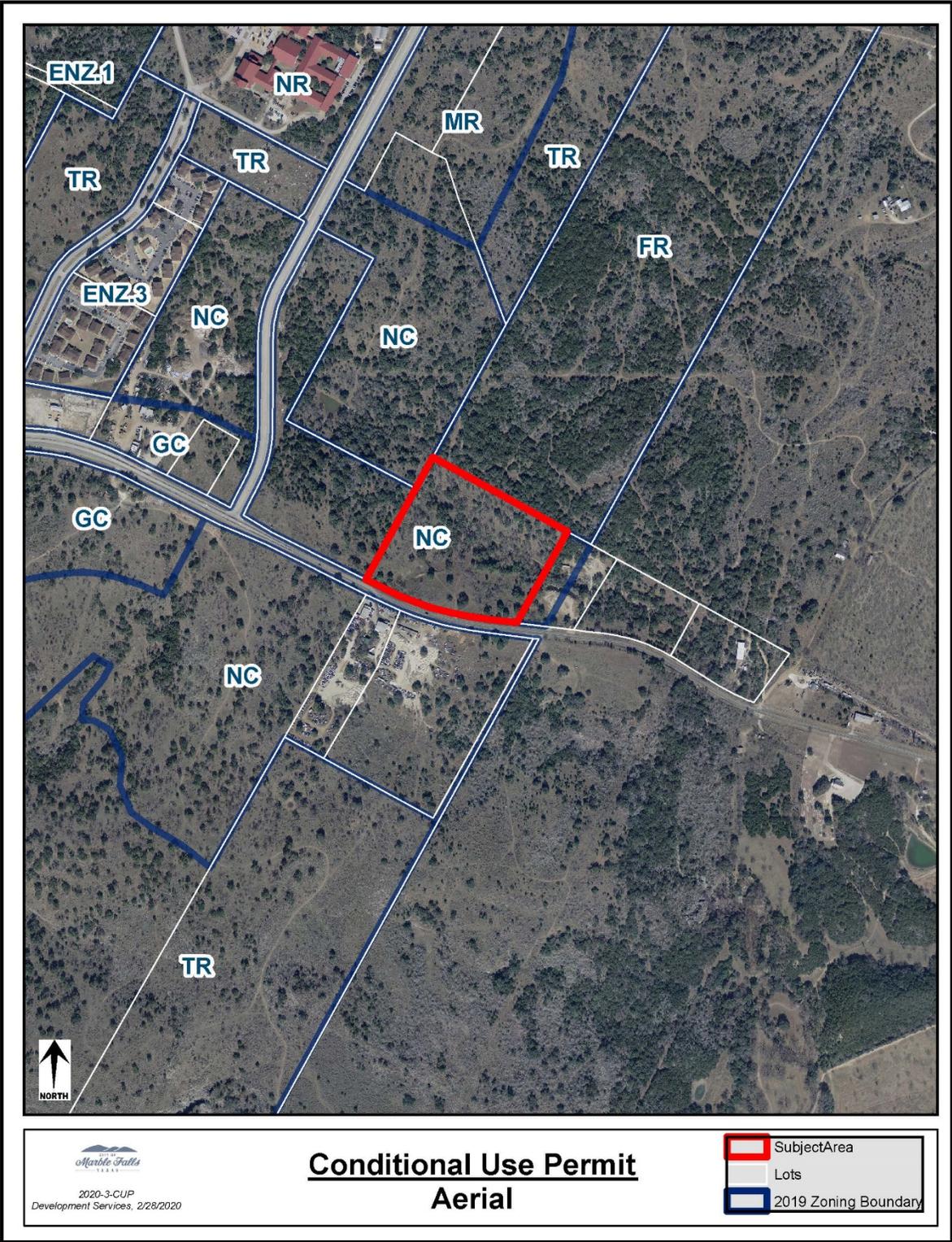
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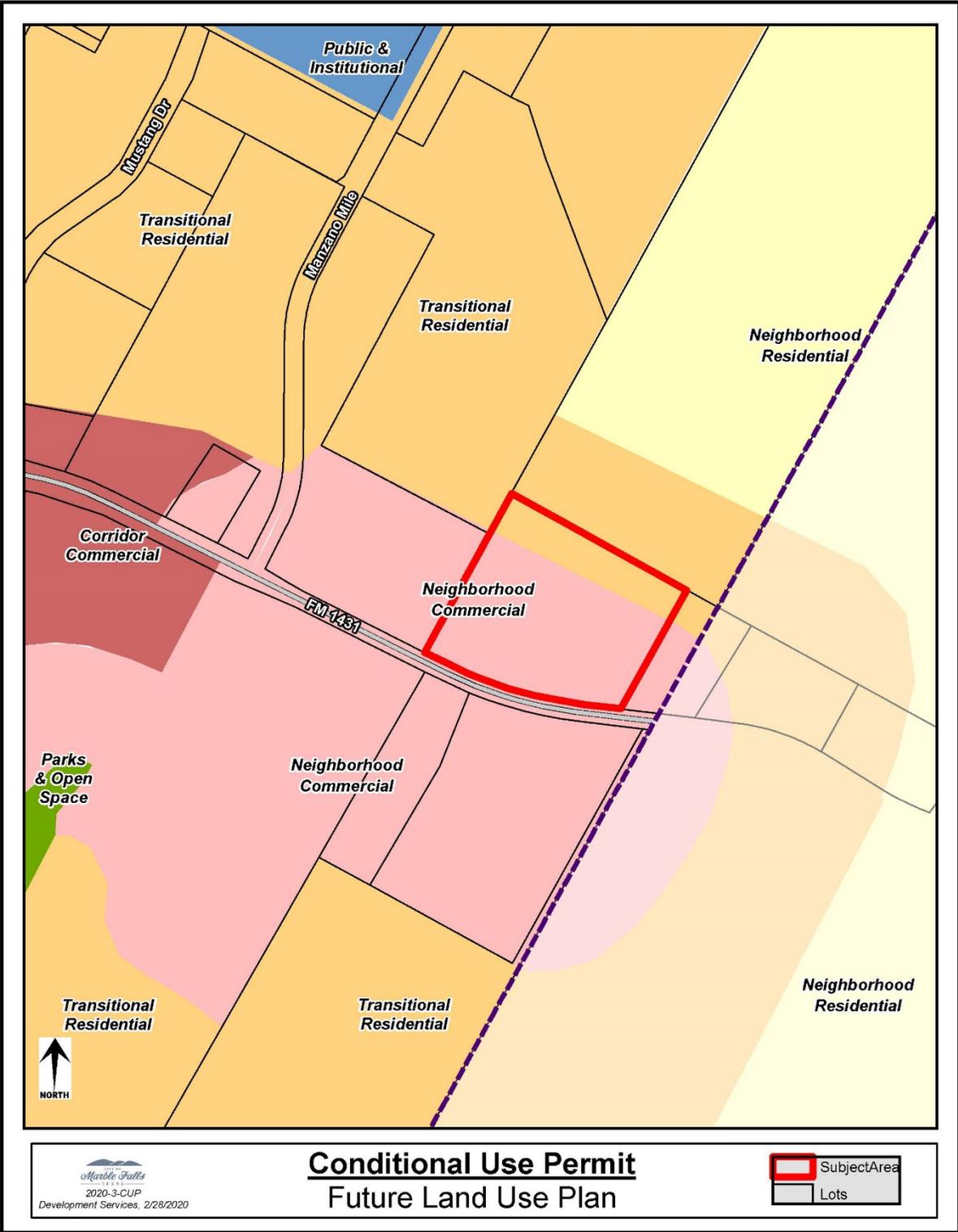
Due to compatibility with surrounding land uses, the need for diversification of City housing inventory, and site configuration meeting minimum standards for the proposed use within the property, City Staff recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit with site plan approval.

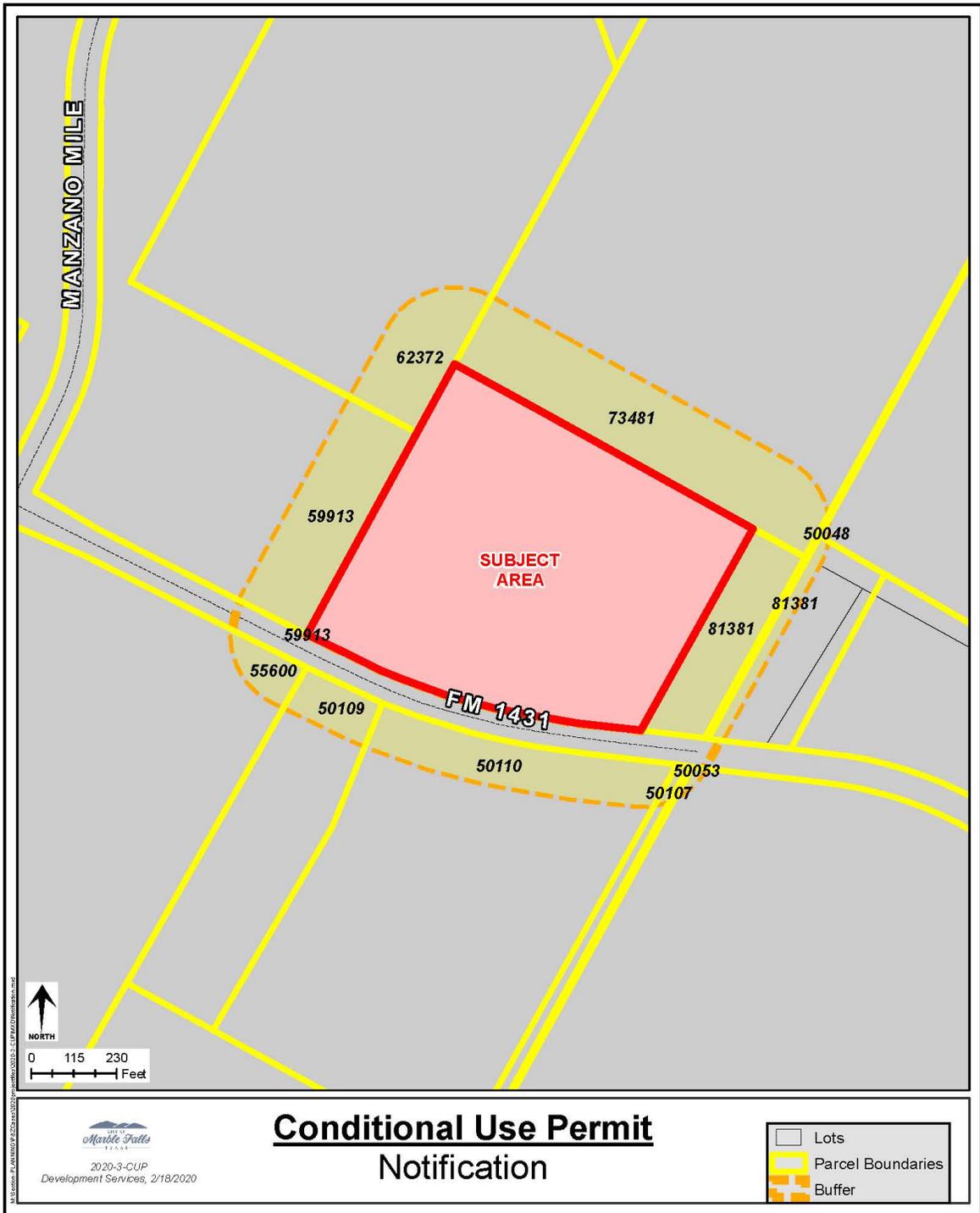
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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-05C

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARBLE FALLS, TEXAS, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) TO ALLOW SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED USE WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC) DISTRICT ON LOT 1, PLEASANT VALLEY ESTATES, CITY OF MARBLE FALLS, BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the City of Marble Falls is legally empowered to regulate development in the community through the legitimate use of its police powers; **AND,**

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to promote responsible and sustainable growth consistent with the City of Marble Falls's Comprehensive Plan; **AND,**

WHEREAS, the owners seek approval for a single-family detached use occupancy via a Conditional Use Permit; **AND,**

WHEREAS, the City of Marble Falls Planning & Zoning Commission at a public hearing on Thursday, April 23, 2020, recommended approval of the request for the CUP; **AND,**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marble Falls, Texas, has considered the matter at a public hearing and deems it appropriate to grant a CUP by this Ordinance to allow Single Family Detached use and hereby finds such use is in conformance with the City's land use objectives as stated in the Comprehensive Plan and compatible with surrounding uses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARBLE FALLS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION I. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City of Marble Falls and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION II. A Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") for Single-Family Detached land use on Lot 1, Pleasant Valley Estates, City of Marble Falls, Burnet County, Texas, is hereby approved contingent upon the following:

- A. Any construction that occurs will be in compliance with the City's Code of Ordinances and in particular the zoning requirements applicable to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District and with the Site Plan depicted in Exhibit "A."
- B. Any land uses on the property shall comply with applicable adopted ordinances including but not limited to storm water detention, landscaping and related ordinances based on the proposed use of the property.

- C. The CUP shall expire if construction has not commenced or a Site Development Plan, building permit, or Certificate of Occupancy, as required, is not issued and construction begun within two (2) years of the approval or submittal date of the most recently dated application for permit or approval.

SECTION III. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in force when the provisions of this Ordinance become effective which are inconsistent or in conflict with the terms and provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of any such conflict.

SECTION IV. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY. If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Marble Falls in adopting, and the Mayor in approving this Ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion, provision or regulation.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

SECTION VI. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and Standard Zoning Enabling Act, Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code. Notice was also provided by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Marble Falls, Texas, on the 2nd day of June, 2020.

APPROVED:

John Packer, Mayor
City of Marble Falls

ATTEST:

Christina McDonald, City Secretary
City of Marble Falls

(Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patty L. Akers, City Attorney
City of Marble Falls

EXHIBIT "A" Site Plan



June 2, 2020

7. REGULAR AGENDA

- (b) Discussion and Action on a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Marble Falls and Willdan Financial Services for professional consulting services necessary to conduct a Water and Wastewater Rate Study and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. *Baron Sauls, Director of Finance*
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Council Agenda Item Cover Memo
June 2, 2020

Agenda Item No.: 7(b)
Presenter: Baron Sauls, Director of Finance
Department: Finance Department
Legal Review: Not Applicable

AGENDA CAPTION

Discussion and Action on a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Marble Falls and Willdan Financial Services for professional consulting services necessary to conduct a Water and Wastewater Rate Study and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In March, the Finance Department requested proposals to have a formal utility rate study performed in order to set rates for city water and sewer customers, as well to develop a wholesale rate and an out-of-city rate. We received 4 proposals from NewGen Strategies and Solutions, Raftelis, NH Consulting and Willdan Financial Services. An internal team composed of Mike Hodge, Caleb Kraenzel and myself reviewed all four of the submittals and chose Willdan as the finalist. All of the proposals were responsive to the City's request and provided their firms' qualifications and experience, as well as their approach to the work and a proposed cost to conduct the rate study.

Willdan provided a few things that set them apart from the others, such as their model included projections for 10-years, while the others only were for 5-years. In addition to that, Willdan also includes a robust public involvement process to help educate our citizens and business owners about the reasons for potential rate hikes.

The proposals included costs that range from a high of \$38,500 (NexGen) to a low of \$17,870 (NH Consulting) with Willdan submittal at \$23,680. The cost of the 4th submittal from Raftelis was \$35,128.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends awarding a contract to Willdan Financial Services in the amount of \$23,680 to perform a water and sewer rate study for the City of Marble Falls and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the 23rd day of May, 2020 by and between the City of Marble Falls ("City") and Willdan ("Contractor").

In consideration of the mutual premises, covenants and Agreements herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. City hereby engages "Contractor", and "Contractor" hereby accepts such engagement, to provide professional planning and engineering services to the City as specified in Attachment "A" (the "Services"). "Contractor" shall perform the Services for the benefit of the City upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

Section 2. Term and Termination.

(a) **Term.** The term of Contractor's engagement by City hereunder (the "Term") shall commence on the date of this Agreement and will continue in effect until completion of the Services, unless it is earlier terminated in accordance with this Section. The Services are anticipated to be performed by the Contractor within 13 weeks from notice to proceed from the City. The work duration is anticipated to span one City budgetary cycles with an Initial Notice to Proceed with the Services anticipated to be provided in FY 2020.

(b) **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the Term upon 10 days notice by either party for any or no reason. Such termination shall be effective 10 days following delivery and receipt, by the terminating party to the other party, of written notice of such termination. The City shall pay Contractor for services rendered and obligations incurred to date of termination and Contractor shall submit to the City all Project documents prepared to that point.

Section 3. Services.

(a) **Scope of Services.** The Services shall include those items listed on Attachment A which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. In order for the "Contractor" to perform the Services, the City's obligation for providing information and support is also described in Attachment A. Attachment "A" describes all phases of the Services anticipated to be provided by the Contractor, including the work the will be given notice to proceed under the initial phase of services to be performed by Contractor, and the subsequent work that would be authorized by amendment to this contract.

(b) **Performance.** The Services, and other duties of "Contractor" hereunder shall be performed promptly upon request by City, and each phase or task to be performed by Contractor shall commence upon the receipt by Contractor of a written Notice to Proceed. The Contractor shall not undertake any work or portion of a task or phase prior to issuance by the City of a written Notice to Proceed for that task or phase of work. Contractor shall provide to the City, prior to commencing with the work a task-by-task schedule of the Services to be performed, and will submit monthly updates to the schedule to the City to indicate progress on conducting the Services and adjustments to the work schedule.

(c) **Additional Services.** If "Contractor" determines that services outside the scope of Attachment "A" ("Additional Services") are required or recommended, or that "Contractor" is being asked by City to perform services not covered by Attachment "A", "Contractor" shall notify City that such services are Additional Services, and the cost associated with their performance and receive approval to perform such Additional Services prior to undertaking them. Additional Services shall be performed at the professional rates listed in Attachment "B", or for a lump sum amount as agreed between the parties.

(d) **Contractor Responsibility.** Acceptance and approval of the work performed by Contractor or acceptance and approval of any report, document, or computer program by the City shall not constitute nor be deemed a release of the responsibilities and liability of Contractor for the accuracy and competency of Contractor's work products, computer programs, or other documents, and services prepared/performed under this Agreement. No approvals or acceptances by or in behalf of the City shall be deemed to be an assumption of such responsibility by the City for any defect, error or omission

in said work products, computer programs or other documents and services as prepared/performed by Contractor.

Contractor further agrees to correct documents or re-execute services as may be required when such documents or services required to be produced under this Agreement are found to be in error or contain defects or omissions at no additional costs to the City.

Section 4. Compensation.

(a) **Fee.** In exchange for "Contractor's" ongoing performance of the initial phase of Services associated with Attachment "A" and the other duties and obligations under this Agreement, City shall pay to Contractor a fee (the "Fee") not to exceed \$23,860.00. The Fee shall be the sole compensation due "Contractor" in connection with its rendition of the Services identified in Attachment "A". The Fee is to be paid on a lump sum basis, in accordance to the schedule of values included in Attachment "C", to include any and all expenses that may be incurred by Contractor in the performance of the Services associated with this Agreement. City shall not be obligated to reimburse "Contractor" for any additional expenses incurred by "Contractor" in connection with "Contractor's" performance of such Services except in accordance with Section 3c of this contract. Subsequent amendments to this Contract may be executed by the City to authorize additional fees for the Contractor to provide the remainder of the Services in Attachment "A" that are not included in the initial Notice to Proceed, the schedule of value for which is shown in Attachment "C".

(b) **Taxes.** "Contractor", and not City, shall be solely responsible for paying all required federal, state and local taxes related to any amounts received by "Contractor" pursuant to this Agreement. City shall not withhold OASDI, Medicare or any federal, state or local income or other tax, make unemployment insurance contributions or obtain workers' compensation insurance on behalf of "Contractor".

(c) Payments on account of "Contractor's" Services shall be made to "Contractor" at its billing address indicated on the invoice, 30 days after invoice is received and approved for payment. Invoices for payment of Services shall not be submitted to City more frequently than once per month. Billing shall include documentation of cost of Services rendered during the previous month. Interest shall accrue on undisputed amounts which have not been and are past due, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2251.021 of the Texas Government Code, unless delay in payment is due to the fault of "Contractor".

Section 5. Independent Contractor. "Contractor" shall at all times be an independent Contractor and nothing in this Agreement shall at any time be construed so as to create the relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent, partnership or joint venture as between "Contractor" and City. "Contractor" shall have the entire charge, control and supervision of its performance of the Services. "Contractor" will not have any authority to incur any obligation or bind or commit City to any Agreement, contract, or commitment or to waive, modify, or amend any rights of City under any Agreement, contract, or commitment, except as expressly authorized in writing by City. City shall not in any manner be answerable or accountable for: (i) any violation by "Contractor" of any federal, state or local laws, regulations, ordinances, rules or orders; or (ii) for any injury, loss or damage arising from or out of any act or omission of "Contractor".

Section 6. Governing Law. This Agreement and the respective rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its conflicts of laws provisions. Venue and performance of this Agreement shall be in Burnet County Texas.

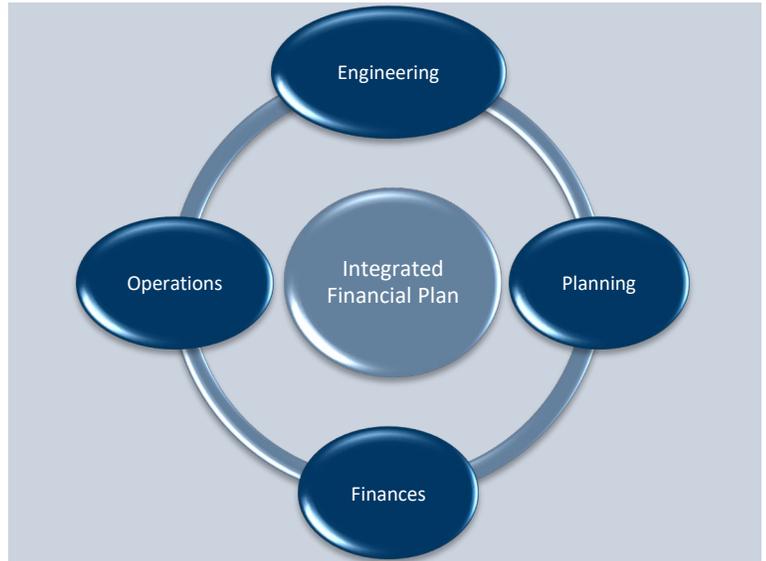
Section 7. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement and the terms, covenants, provisions and conditions hereof shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the respective heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto; provided, however, that "Contractor" may not subcontract or assign this Agreement without the prior approval of City.

Section 8. Severability and Waiver. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such provision shall be conformed to prevailing law rather than voided, if possible, in order to

Appendix A -- Technical Approach

Project Understanding

It is the understanding of the Willdan project team that the City of Marble Falls (“the City”) seeks a comprehensive water and wastewater rate study and long-term financial plan for the current year, and for a ten-year time horizon. The overall objective is to establish user rates and charges that are sufficient to meet future system revenue requirements including debt service coverage, capital expenditures and operating reserves, and comply with rate stabilization funding requirements. The project team will also work with the City to establish rates around a broader set of goals or objectives, including but not limited to financial/rate stability, adherence to key financial indicators such as debt service ratio and bond covenant requirements, while minimizing customer impacts.



We intend to accomplish the following overall objectives in the development of this rate study and long-term financial analysis:

- Analysis of historical operating expenses, including the cost of water produced and wastewater treated;
- Analysis of growth forecasts;
- Evaluation of the utility’s capital improvement plan, both the plan itself and the means of financing it;
- Analysis of historic demand and consumption characteristics in order to properly classify and segregate costs associated with different functions and customers of the utility system;
- Analysis of the water and wastewater fund’s financial condition and planned infrastructure improvements;
- Analysis of current debt and the utility’s debt structure; and
- Analysis of the impact of peak demands on the cost of providing service.

In order to meet the City’s objectives Willdan will develop a rate schedule that is designed to meet the following objectives:

- Reflect to the best extent possible the cost of providing service for each customer class (though as will be discussed below this is not the only factor in setting rates);
- Provide alternatives that take into account fixed vs. variable elements of the rate structure;
- Ensure that the rate plan is compatible with and can be incorporated into the City’s billing system; and
- Recommend a rate plan that can be easily explained and justified to Council members and the public.

In short, the recommended rate alternatives should ensure that the utility recovers the revenue required to fund operations and capital improvements, while to the best extent possible minimizing the impact on ratepayers.

Our internationally-recognized rate model will be a critical component of our analysis and development of recommendations. It will forecast revenues, expenses and rates for a ten-year period, with an emphasis on years one through five. Importantly, the model has the ability to calculate the impact of declining per capita usage on revenues and expenses. This has become an increasingly important issue in recent years as utilities across the United States have become more aggressively encouraged conservation and prudence in retail water usage.

To accomplish these overall goals and objectives, our team’s approach will utilize the “generally accepted” Cash Basis rate setting methodology as delineated in the AWWA Manual M1. Our team uses the Manual M1 as the framework for all our studies, and our project team members have served on the AWWA’s Rates and Charges Committee which develops, reviews and revises this manual on periodically. We will tailor our application of the Cash Basis methodology to the specific circumstances of the City.

The project team will employ such standard inputs as account growth projections, historic and forecast adjusted water consumption, the CIP, account/usage/revenue data from the City’s billing system, and current budget information to develop its forecast of future costs.

Upon finalization of the inputs outlined above, the project team will develop a comprehensive ten-year forecast model that will present alternative long-term water rate plans sufficient to fund operating expenditures, debt service and the forecast CIP. The model will functionalize costs between treatment, distribution/collection, administration and customer billing, and will allocate costs between customer classes. Historic peaking factors will be used to classify water costs between base and extra capacity. The functionalization, classification and allocation of costs will be in accordance with AWWA M1 Cash Basis guidelines. It is easy to use and is intuitively straightforward, and will be presented to staff in electronic, executable form at the conclusion of this engagement.

Another benefit of a ten-year financial plan is that it will enable the City to better evaluate the potential economic and financial impact of capital improvements, future inevitable increases in the cost of service, and the overall impact of decreased usage. This includes addressing such questions as whether future system and revenue growth will finance some of these improvements and lessen the need for rate increases. It also will allow the City to determine whether it may be appropriate to implement rate adjustments over a period of several years.

To summarize, the information developed during the course of this rate study will allow the City to choose a financial and capital plan that will minimize the impact on all classes of ratepayers, while still allowing it to meet increasing expense demands and environmental/water quality standards. In our opinion, the **cost of service, while important, will not be the sole factor in setting the rate design for each customer class.** Rate design is more than just a series of mathematical calculations; the proposed rate structure must balance the sometimes-conflicting issues of City funding requirements, the cost of service to customer classes, and users’ ability to pay. We agree with these sentiments and, based on our experience throughout the United States, we believe they are socially and politically acceptable.

Willdan’s Unique Project Approach

Willdan proposes to develop a spreadsheet-based financial planning model that will allow the City to test a variety of “what-if” futures, whereby the City can change assumptions related to growth, the capital improvement program, operational programs, conservation incentives, and a variety of other planning, engineering, and financial variables, to help predict the financial outcome of that scenario and its effect on City rates. This is especially useful in testing the affordability of the capital improvement program, allowing the user to turn new projects “on or off” in the model, change the costing with updated information, delay their funding, or look at cash vs. debt vs. fee-funding alternatives and their impact on affordability.

Working with City staff, Willdan will use advanced modeling techniques to test the existing capital improvement program for prioritization, timing and affordability of projects. In doing so, the City will be able to identify the resources available for implementing programs identified in the capital planning process. In the end, the process will allow for the determination of the optimum rate plan for balancing the financial health of the system against political and other considerations.

We cannot emphasize strongly enough the need for, and benefit of, a properly constructed public involvement process to introduce the recommended rate plan to the public. The general public and elected officials are naturally going to be inclined to oppose plans that involve higher rates and fees. Therefore, the burden is on the City and its consulting team to present any proposed rate plan to the public in a manner that is both understandable and emphasizes the benefits of implementation (i.e. a better quality of service).

With this in mind, we note the following about our services and the deliverables that will be prepared for the City:

- We take pride in the quality of our written reports. The intent is to make our reports readable and easily understandable to those who are not ratemaking or financial professionals. We are frequently complimented by clients who tell us that they understood both the major points of our analysis and the benefits of our proposed rate plans.
- We also believe that our public presentations are of a superior quality, both in terms of overall presentation and understandability. Mr. Jackson has provided over 300 public presentations in his career, to such diverse clients as border communities, large cities and suburbs, and Pacific Island nations. He understands how to make presentations to non-financial audiences. We take pride in the frequent compliments received from clients about the ease and understandability of our presentations, and the fact that critical information required to make decisions was presented in a straightforward and easy to follow manner.

In conclusion, our project team offers the benefits of not only a first-rate analysis and model development, and a well written and easily understandable report, but also a public involvement process that is designed to successfully implement the results of the analysis.

Deliverables

Based on the objectives as listed above, the Willdan will provide the following project deliverables:

1. A formal, documented and detailed schedule outlining the analysis, report development and public involvement process associated with this study.
2. Up to five bound copies and an electronic copy of the final rate study report that documents the results of the project, recommendations presented in accordance with the previously identified project objectives, and detailed support for all conclusions. The report will describe the process used to:
 - Determine revenue requirements within the test year and ten-year forecast. Revenue requirements include the water utilities' operations and maintenance costs, capital outlays and debt service funded by rates, non-rate revenues, and other pertinent City costs.
 - Allocate costs between customer classes and functional areas. The revenue requirements will first be allocated to functional areas, including transmission, distribution, customer service, administration and billing, water system average, peak-day and peak-hour flows. These costs will then be allocated to the customer classes based on their system demands. The calculation of these costs for the test year will be a crucial stepping-stone in the forecast of these costs over the next ten years.
 - Present alternative user fee and rate structures on revenue requirements, cost of service, current standards and customers' ability to pay. We anticipate that the final rate plan will be developed as a result of consensus between staff, governing bodies and the project team at the close of the public hearings.
 - PowerPoint presentations will be used during each public meeting. We are prepared to conduct the following formal meetings with the City:
 - An initial staff meeting to review project goals and data requirements (with additional meetings with staff as necessary during the analysis course of this project);
 - A meeting with staff to go over preliminary results and alternatives
 - A workshop with the City Council to review initial findings and recommendations;
 - A final Council meeting at which the chosen rate plan is adopted.
3. A fully functional and debugged automated rate model to calculate and project utility rates both for the present ("test") year and ten years into the future. Summary pages from the model will be presented in hard copy form in the report. As stated above, an electronic copy will also be presented to the City so that staff will be able to verify data and follow along during discussions. **The model will be designed in Microsoft Excel.**

Another of our specialties is to design user-friendly input areas for ease of usage by City staff who may be less experienced with the software or ratemaking principles. To emphasize our philosophy of making our models as user-friendly as possible, we will incorporate the following common design points into the model:

- A single spreadsheet location for entering inputs of model information, such as number of accounts and billed consumption by customer classification, budget and actual expense data, etc. This will consist of a single spreadsheet within the multi-spreadsheet model.

This single input area will ensure that all changes can be made quickly and easily onto this single spreadsheet with no risk of leaving a factor or factors unchanged. All changes will automatically “ripple through” to appropriate areas on the remaining spreadsheets.

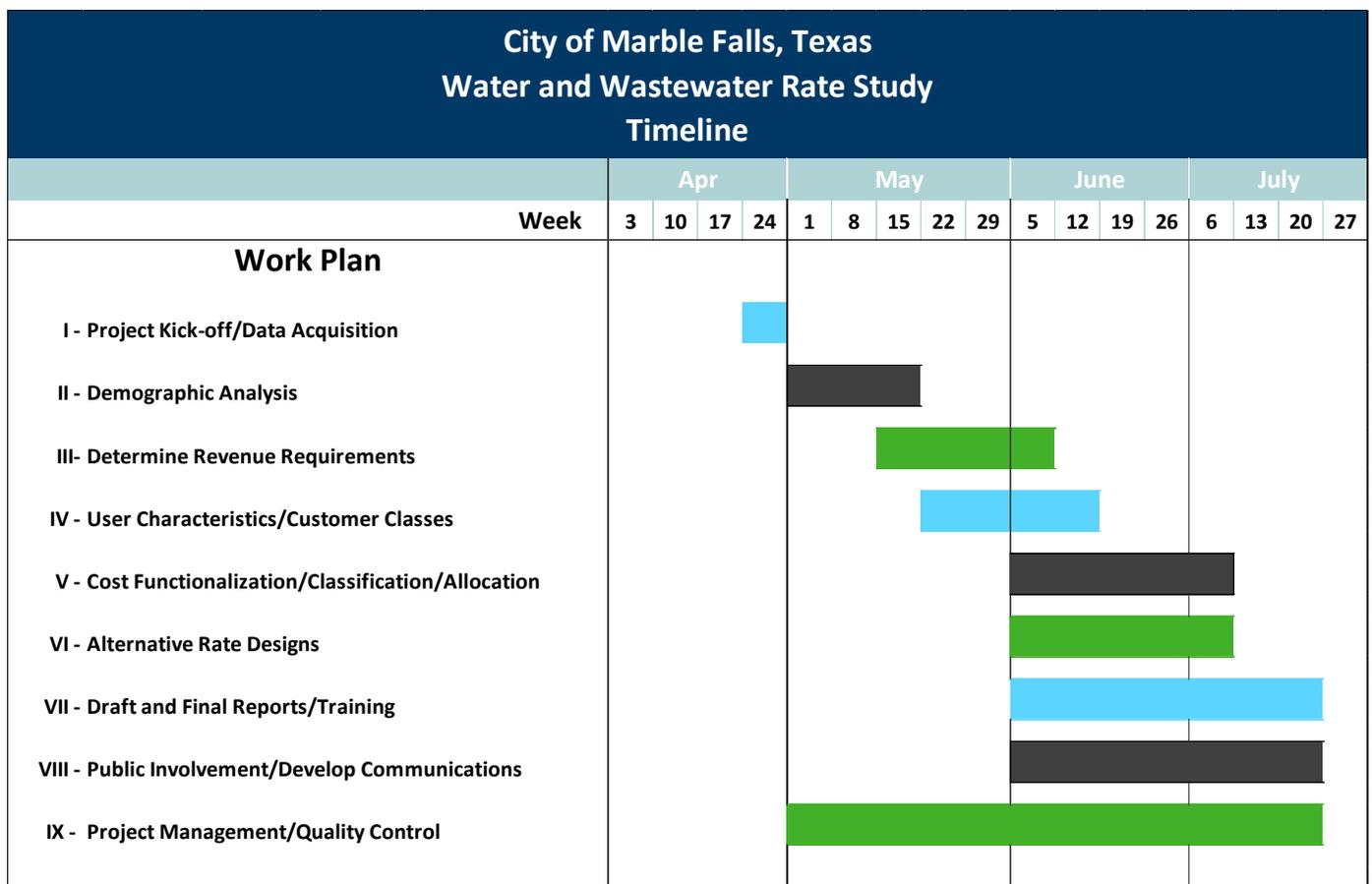
- Automated, interrelated modules that forecast service units, allocate costs between functional areas and customer classes, and calculate rates. The modules, while contained on separate spreadsheets, will be interrelated so that no duplication of information is required, and the modules share relevant data. It will include automated forecasting modules that feed service unit data to other modules used to calculate rates.
- Summary spreadsheets will be automatically generated, which present budget and revenue requirement data, as well as a numerical and graphical presentation of consumption, revenue and expense data.
- The model will have the ability to produce a ten-year forecast of rates to enable staff to conduct a detailed analysis of potential fluctuations in revenues and rates due to varying scenarios.
- An ability for regular review of the impact of additional proposed capital improvements on utility rates.

Appendix A -- Timeline and Cost

Proposed Timeline

Willdan prides itself on being responsive to customer needs. In line with this core belief, we will work within the timeline the City desires. Based on our experience, a rate and financial planning effort of this complexity generally requires approximately 10 to 13 weeks to complete. The completion of tasks within this timeframe depends to a great extent upon the availability of required data from the City and the ability to schedule meetings in a timely manner with City staff and Council. To assist with the process, we will prepare an initial request for information for the City and submit it in advance of the Project Initiation Workshop to expediate the gathering of necessary data.

Based on our current understanding of the solicitation, Willdan has developed the following preliminary project schedule as shown below. We should note that any delays in the receipt of data from the City will inhibit the ability of the team to progress with the analysis and development of recommendations.



Appendix B -- Fee Proposal

In summary, every project is unique in terms of the scope, level of effort, travel, on-site time, challenges and deliverables. We believe that all aspects of this engagement have been properly considered and a fair and reasonable proposed price has been developed that reflects the total effort and ensures the production of a top-quality product. Provided below are our proposed project hours, professional fees and expenses for this engagement. As the table shows, based on the scope of work described herein, we are proposing professional fees and expenses for the water and wastewater rate study **not to exceed \$23,680**.

Pricing for additional services, presentations, and public hearings will be discussed with City staff in advance and billed at the hourly rates shown in the table below.

City of Marble Falls – Water and Wastewater Rate Study			
Proposed Project Team Hours and Professional Fees			
	D. Jackson Project Manager	D. Lanning Financial Analyst	Total
	\$210	\$175	Hours
Scope of Services			
Task I – Project Kick-off, Data Acquisition & Assessment	4.0	8.0	12.0
Task II – Demographic Analysis	4.0	8.0	12.0
Task III – Determine Revenue Requirements	4.0	8.0	12.0
Task IV – Determine User Characteristics & Customer Classes	4.0	8.0	12.0
Task V – Cost Functionalization, Classification & Allocation	4.0	8.0	12.0
Task VI – Alternative Rate Designs	4.0	16.0	20.0
Task VII – Prepare & Present Draft & Final Reports	8.0	16.0	24.0
Task VIII – Public Involvement	8.0	-	8.0
Task IX – Project Management & Quality Control	8.0	-	8.0
Subtotal Hours	48.0	72.0	120.0
Task I – Project Kick-off, Data Acquisition & Assessment	840	1,400	2,240
Task II – Demographic Analysis	840	1,400	2,240
Task III – Determine Revenue Requirements	840	1,400	2,240
Task IV – Determine User Characteristics & Customer Classes	840	1,400	2,240
Task V – Cost Functionalization, Classification & Allocation	840	1,400	2,240
Task VI – Alternative Rate Designs	840	2,800	3,640
Task VII – Prepare & Present Draft & Final Reports	1,680	2,800	4,480
Task VIII – Public Involvement	1,680	-	1,680
Task IX – Project Management & Quality Control	1,680	-	1,680
Subtotal Professional Fees	10,080	12,600	22,680
Travel and Production Expenses			\$ 1,000
Total Cost			23,680
Official Bid – Not to Exceed			\$ 23,680



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AGENDA CAPTION

EXECUTIVE SESSIONCLOSE OPEN SESSION AND CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to §551.071 (*Private Consultation between the Council and its Attorney*) of the Open Meetings Act. Tex. Gov't. Code, Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss the following:

- **Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal rights and obligations associated with the Flatrock Development Agreement**

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the proposed topic for the Executive Session described herein and, in my opinion, the Texas Open Meetings Act authorizes the Marble Falls City Council to meet in Executive Session and to deliberate regarding the subject matter contained in this cover memo.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2020.

City Attorney