



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

<b>Agenda Date</b>	October 8, 2024
<b>Requested Action</b>	APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-R82; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND MANAGE A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOERNE AND THE NORMANDY GROUP, LLC FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE EXPLORATION OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$275,400.00 OVER THE THREE-YEAR TERM.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Kristy Stark, Assistant City Manager
<b>Background Information</b>	<p>Since April 1, 2023, the City has worked with The Normandy Group, a federal grants coordination firm based in Washington, D.C. to proactively establish relationships with federal agencies focusing on grant and funding opportunities meeting City Council priorities. Former Congressman Henry Bonilla, San Antonio, is a partner and the group provides experience working across multiple government agencies to accumulate the right relationships to advance City success and keep Boerne on the radar of our federal Congressional delegation and funding agencies.</p> <p>In the past year, the City of Boerne has secured <b>\$3,577,653</b> in grant funding from federal, state, and private funding sources.</p> <p><b>Specific Focus Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assess pending infrastructure and economic development projects that may be eligible to receive federal funding through the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) or other federal mechanism.</li><li>• Determine which of such projects are most likely to qualify for funding under applicable federal transportation, public works, and annual appropriations bills or federal grants.</li><li>• Advise and assist the City as appropriate to enhance the City's chances of approval of funding or grant requests by the City.</li><li>• Support federal grant programs that advance police and fire public safety programs for assistance with equipment, training, and personnel.</li></ul>

- Seek federal support to address the repeated flooding hazards that regularly impact the City, including, but not limited to, engagement with federal agencies such as FEMA, U.S Army Corps of Engineers; and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) under the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Explore funding opportunities through the Bureau of Reclamation and other federal agencies that will support the City's reclaimed water system.
- Seek support for the Patrick Heath Public Library via federal grant programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).
- Troubleshoot any issues with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) via the Professional Firm's relationship in Washington and Austin.

**Current Grant Applications:**

City Council has voiced their intent for staff to apply for federal and state grant opportunities as applicable and with Normandy's assistance, our most recent applications include:

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant – USDOT **(Awarded)**
- Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Grant - USDOT
- SMART Grant Program for Flooding Resilience – USDOT
- Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Planning Grant – USDOT **(Awarded)**
- Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant – FEMA **(Awarded)**
- Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) - FEMA
- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – TX Office of the Gov. (pass thru) U.S. Dept. of Justice Federal Award **(Awarded)**
- Non-Urban Outdoor Parks & Recreation Grant for Northside Community Park - TPWD

**Future Grant Opportunities:**

The City will continue pursuit in 2025 for infrastructure, public safety, and facilities funding. Staff holds bi-weekly calls with Normandy to target applicable funding opportunities and to finetune our application submittals to include letters of support from elected officials and community partners.

<b>Item Justification</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal/Regulatory Obligation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Investment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Pull <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Enhancement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigate Risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process Efficiency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<b>Strategic Alignment</b> <i>(Example: C2 – Customer Feedback, B1 – Data Driven Decision)</i>	C2 – Customer Feedback; F1 – Strategic, responsible & conservative financial management; F2 – Investing in & maintaining high-quality infrastructure systems and public assets; B2 – Advancing master plan recommendations.
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	While there is no guarantee of grant award, competing for federal grant dollars allows the City to leverage its limited resources and extend opportunities for infrastructure, public safety, and facilities funding sources.
<b>Citizen Input/Board Review</b>	
<b>Legal Review</b>	Letter agreement contains language approved by our legal team
<b>Alternative Options</b>	Not competing for grants or understanding the application process would eliminate alternative funding sources for the City to alleviate the financial burden on our residents and supplement our limited financial resources.
<b>Supporting Documents</b>	Resolution No. 2024-R82 Federal, State & Private Funding Successes 2023-2024 Letter Agreement