



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:
District C, District H
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HPW – 20KFH12 Agreement / Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority

Agenda Item#:

Background:

SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority on behalf of TIRZ 5 (Authority) for Phase I and Phase II North Canal High Flow Diversion Channel Project.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt an ordinance approving and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Houston and Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority on behalf of TIRZ 5 for Phase I and Phase II North Canal High Flow Diversion Channel Project and accept funds in the amount of \$1,220,137.69.

PROJECT NOTICE/JUSTIFICATION: This project is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). This Interlocal Agreement defines terms between the City and Authority for the management of design and permitting activities and construction activities, in accordance with federal requirements, and terms for reimbursement of incurred costs eligible under the HMGP grant.

DESCRIPTION: This project consists of the design and permitting for the Phase I and the construction of the Phase II North Canal High Flow Diversion Channel Project, which is intended to reduce the risk of localized flooding to adjacent communities.

The City is partnering with the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 5 (TIRZ No. 5) to implement the Project. Agreements between the City and the other remaining partners defining their roles and responsibilities, including financial participation in non-federal project costs, are under development and will be brought to Council for approval.

LOCATION: The project is located in downtown Houston with three (3) primary components: North Canal Channel Diversion at the confluence of White Oak and Buffalo Bayous, South Canal Channel Diversion/Detention along the south side of Buffalo Bayou at IH-69, and upstream improvements along White Oak Bayou at both the Yale Street and Heights Boulevard bridges.

SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT AND FEE: The Agreement between the City and Authority entails the terms for the management of the design and permitting activities and construction activities, in accordance with federal requirements, and terms for reimbursement of incurred costs eligible under the HMGP grant. Under the scope of the Agreement, the City will be responsible for the design work, permit acquisition, and construction completion.

The Authority shall reimburse the City for eligible expenses incurred to complete the Phase I activities as outlined in the Agreement. The total amount reimbursable to the City shall not exceed \$1,220,137.69, constitutes the Authority's project partner funding portion of the Phase I Local Cost Share or 16.58% of the total Phase I project cost. The Phase I Federal Cost Share will be \$2,586,539.29 or 35.15% of the total Phase I project cost.

Should the City be successful in securing an appropriation for any obligation created by the terms of the Agreement with respect to Phase II Sub-Grant Funds, the Authority shall reimburse the City for eligible expenses incurred to complete the Phase II activities as outlined in the Agreement. The total amount reimbursable to the City shall not exceed \$23,779,862.31, which constitutes the Authority's project partner funding portion of the Phase II Local Cost Share or 19.22% of the total project Phase II cost. The Phase II Federal Cost Share will be \$43,485,275.71 or 35.15% of the total Phase II project cost.

The funds contributed by the Authority will reimburse the City for funds already appropriated for design services and for those that will be appropriated through later council actions to award real estate support services, subsequent design services and construction services.

FISCAL NOTE: No significant fiscal operating impact is anticipated as a result of this project. No fiscal note is required on grant items.

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