



Staff Report

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Courtney Sladek, Administration

ITEM TYPE: Resolutions

AGENDA SECTION: CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON

SUBJECT: Resolution R2026-41 Authorizing The Submission of an Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program; Designating The Mayor as the City's Subrecipient Authorized Representative; And Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Administer the Grant

BACKGROUND: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), administers the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program to provide funding for projects that reduce flood risk to communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The proposed application seeks \$17,146,929 in federal funding for the Blue Creek Drainage Improvements Reach 2 – Localized Flood Risk Reduction Project. The project includes channel improvements, culvert improvements, and regional detention enhancements designed to reduce flood risk throughout a significant portion of El Campo while complementing the ongoing Blue Creek Phase 1 drainage improvements currently under construction through the Texas General Land Office CDBG-MIT Program. The project is expected to benefit approximately 80 NFIP policyholders, reduce flood risk to 65 properties with previous flood loss claims, and improve overall community resilience.

The proposed resolution authorizes submission of the grant application and designates the Mayor as the City's Subrecipient Authorized Representative (SAR), authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to submit and administer the grant application. If the grant is awarded, staff will return to the City Council for authorization to accept the award and approve any required local matching funds.

Financial Impact: The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program requires a 25 percent local cost share. The City's required match is \$4,105,476.10, which includes \$201,120 in in-kind services for grant management activities to be provided through City staff time. The remaining local match would be funded through

future capital funding if the grant is awarded.

Given the size of the required local contribution, staff anticipates recommending that the City Council consider debt to finance some or all of the required cash match should the grant be awarded. Staff will return to the City Council with financing options, acceptance of the grant award, and any required budget amendments for consideration at that time.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Resolution No. R2026-41 authorizing submission of the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant application for the Blue Creek Drainage Improvements Reach 2 Project and designating the Mayor as the City's Subrecipient Authorized Representative.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 2026-41 FMA Grant Application Blue Creek Ph 2.pdf](#)