



PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

BOARD DATE: March 9, 2023

PRESENTED BY: Tom Barnett

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Taylor (Williamson County) for \$5,988,044 in financial assistance consisting of \$5,090,000 in financing and \$898,044 in grant from the Flood Infrastructure Fund for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a flood mitigation project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve No Action

PROJECT NAME AND NUMBER

Drainage Mitigation Project, Project Number 40198

BACKGROUND

Passed by the 86th Texas Legislature and approved by voters through a constitutional amendment, the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) was created to provide funding for flood mitigation projects. The purpose of the FIF, as outlined in Senate Bill 7, is to assist in financing drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects. FIF projects presented for consideration have been scored and ranked using prioritization criteria outlined in 31 Texas Administrative Code § 363.404 and further specified in the Flood Intended Use Plan. The prioritized list of projects was approved by the Board on September 17, 2020.

The City of Taylor (City) is located in Williamson County approximately 35 miles northeast of Austin. The City is home to approximately 16,800 residents.

PROJECT NEED AND DESCRIPTION

The City has identified two specific locations within the city limits that have experienced multiple significant flooding events over the past decade. Each affected area has been documented by citizen complaints along with photographs of damage that occurred as a result of the flooding.

The City proposes flood mitigation drainage improvement projects for the two identified areas of town: the Donna Channel regional detention pond and infrastructure, and the Travis Street/Franklin Street roadside channelization and culvert improvements.

COMMITMENT PERIOD: SIX (6) MONTHS TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Task	Schedule Date
Closing	June 15, 2023
Engineering Feasibility Report Completion (End of Planning Phase)	November 15, 2023
Design Phase Completion	December 15, 2023
Start of Construction	April 15, 2024
Construction Completion	March 15, 2025

KEY ISSUES

The proposed project is being co-funded with the Texas General Land Office, which has committed \$1,611,846 to the project through the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation program. Along with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) funding, these funds will be used to complete acquisition, design, and construction for the Donna Channel project. The overall project budget is included in Attachment 2.

The City's project is eligible under Category 2 of the 2020 Flood Intended Use Plan. This category of funding was designed for planning, acquisition, design, and construction activities to implement flood mitigation projects. Category 2 projects are eligible to receive up to 70 percent in grant funding. Recipients of financial assistance may either use their own available funds or borrow FIF funds at zero percent for any portion of the required local share not provided through FIF grant funds.

The City qualified for a \$898,044 grant under the FIF equal to 15 percent of the total TWDB-funded project costs.

The proposed project will help reduce flood risk for approximately 90 residential structures located in Special Flood Hazard Areas, all within the City limits and the Mustang Creek Watershed.

LEGAL/SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Executed Grant Agreement

Attachments

1. Financial Review (including Project Data Summary and Debt Service Schedule)
2. Project Budget
3. Resolution (23-)
4. Location Map

Financial Review

City of Taylor

Risk Score: 2A

Audit Reviewed: FY 2021

Key Indicators

Indicator	Result	Benchmark
Population Growth, Average Annual 2010-2020	City: 0.69%	State: 1.49%
Top 10 Customers % of Total Tax Revenue	10%	10-15%
Median Household Income as % of State	85%	100%
Days of Cash on Hand (3-year Average)	141 days	30-149 days
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.2x	1.0x
Unemployment Rate (December, 2022)	Williamson County: 2.70 %	State: 3.60%
Working Capital Ratio	13.3	> 1.0
Tax Base Size	\$1,937,474,030	\$1,484,786,909 - \$819,999,999
Fund Balance as % of Revenues	52.01%	2.5%

Key Risk Score Strengths

- The City's fund balance as a percentage of revenues is 52 percent providing it with a strong liquidity position in case of emergencies.
- A high working capital ratio of 13.3 provides the City with adequate resources to cover short-term liabilities.
- The City's tax base of approximately \$1.9 billion allows it to raise larger amounts of revenues at lower rates than other entities. Because of this, the City can cover greater amounts of debt without unduly burdening its citizens.

Key Risk Score Concerns

- Based on a no-growth scenario, the City is projected to need a maximum tax rate increase of \$0.1362 for the first five years of the proposed obligation to meet the required debt service coverage. This would result in an 18 percent increase in the City's Total Tax Rate.

PLEDGE

Legal Pledge Name	Ad Valorem Tax and Surplus Drainage Revenues
Type of Pledge	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax & Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Revenue Pledge Level	<input type="checkbox"/> First <input type="checkbox"/> Second <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

TAXES

	2021 Tax Year Rate	Max Projected Tax Rate Year 2028	Maximum Allowable Rate	3-Year Avg Current Tax Collections	Assessed Valuation
Maintenance & Operation	\$0.5696	\$0.5696	\$2.50	99%	\$1,937,474,030
Interest & Sinking	\$0.1955	\$0.3317			
Total Tax Rate	\$0.7651	\$0.9013			

Cost Savings

Based on a 30-year maturity schedule and current interest rates, the City could save approximately \$3,294,860 over the life of the financing. The City is also saving \$898,044 in grant funding.

Responsible Authority	Taylor
Program	FLOOD
Commitment Number	G1001553, L1001552
Project Number	40198
List Year	2020
Type of Pledge	Combo Tax and Revenue
Pledge Level (if applicable)	Third Lien
Legal Description	\$898,044 Grant Agreement, \$5,090,000 City of Taylor, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2023A
Tax-exempt or Taxable	Tax-Exempt
Refinance	No
Outlay Requirement	Yes
Disbursement Method	Escrow
Outlay Type	Outlay = Escrow Release
Qualifies as Disadvantaged	No
Financial Managerial & Technical Complete	N/A
Phases Funded	Planning, Acquisition, Design, and Construction
Pre-Design	Yes
Project Consistent with State Water Plan	N/A
Water Conservation Plan	Adopted
Overall Risk Score	2A

PROJECT TEAM

Team Manager	Financial Analyst	Engineering Reviewer	Environmental Reviewer	Attorney
Tom Barnett	Jacob Berdoll	Connie Townsend	Tim Harlow	Marshall Walters

ISSUE BEING EVALUATED
FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY
City of Taylor

\$5,090,000 City of Taylor, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2023A

Dated Date: 6/15/2023
 Delivery Date: 6/15/2023
 First Interest: 7/1/2024
 First Principal: 7/1/2024
 Last Principal: 7/1/2053
 Fiscal Year End: 09/30
 Required Coverage: 1.1

Source: FIF
 Rate: 0.00%
 IUP Year: 2022
 Case: Tax and Revenue
 Admin.Fee: \$0
 Admin. Fee Payment Date: N/A
 Total Assessed Valuation: \$1,937,474,030

FISCAL YEAR	PROPOSED TAX RATE	TAX REVENUES WITH COLL. @ 99%	PROJECTED NET SYSTEM REVENUES	PROJECTED TOTAL REVENUES	CURRENT DEBT SERVICE	\$5,090,000 ISSUE			TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	COVERAGE	
						PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST PAYMENT			
2024	\$ 0.2596	\$4,978,231	\$511,103	\$5,489,334	\$4,355,664	\$170,000	-	\$0	\$170,000	\$4,525,664	1.21
2025	0.2973	5,700,499	\$511,103	6,211,602	5,012,272	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	5,182,272	1.20
2026	0.2614	5,013,343	\$511,103	5,524,446	4,387,585	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	4,557,585	1.21
2027	0.3184	6,104,921	\$511,103	6,616,024	5,379,928	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	5,549,928	1.19
2028	0.3317	6,360,597	\$511,103	6,871,700	5,612,361	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	5,782,361	1.19
2029	0.2779	5,328,217	\$511,103	5,839,320	4,673,834	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	4,843,834	1.21
2030	0.1832	3,513,743	\$511,103	4,024,846	3,024,312	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	3,194,312	1.26
2031	0.1703	3,266,407	\$511,103	3,777,510	2,799,461	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,969,461	1.27
2032	0.1708	3,274,165	\$511,103	3,785,268	2,806,514	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,976,514	1.27
2033	0.1622	3,109,870	\$511,103	3,620,973	2,657,155	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,827,155	1.28
2034	0.1411	2,706,364	\$511,103	3,217,467	2,290,331	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,460,331	1.31
2035	0.1215	2,329,842	\$511,103	2,840,945	1,948,038	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,118,038	1.34
2036	0.1216	2,332,486	\$511,103	2,843,589	1,950,441	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,120,441	1.34
2037	0.1218	2,335,556	\$511,103	2,846,659	1,953,233	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,123,233	1.34
2038	0.1163	2,229,648	\$511,103	2,740,751	1,856,952	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,026,952	1.35
2039	0.1161	2,226,206	\$511,103	2,737,309	1,853,824	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	2,023,824	1.35
2040	0.1108	2,123,954	\$511,103	2,635,057	1,760,867	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	1,930,867	1.36
2041	0.1108	2,123,837	\$511,103	2,634,940	1,760,761	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	1,930,761	1.36
2042	0.1108	2,123,918	\$511,103	2,635,021	1,760,834	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	1,930,834	1.36
2043	0.0177	338,538	\$511,103	849,641	137,762	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	307,762	2.76
2044	0.0177	339,317	\$511,103	850,420	138,470	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	308,470	2.76
2045	0.0098	187,000	\$511,103	698,103	-	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	170,000	4.11
2046	0.0098	187,000	\$511,103	698,103	-	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	170,000	4.11
2047	0.0098	187,000	\$511,103	698,103	-	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	170,000	4.11
2048	0.0098	187,000	\$511,103	698,103	-	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	170,000	4.11
2049	0.0098	187,000	\$511,103	698,103	-	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	170,000	4.11
2050	0.0098	187,000	\$511,103	698,103	-	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	170,000	4.11
2051	0.0098	187,000	\$511,103	698,103	-	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	170,000	4.11
2052	0.0098	187,000	\$511,103	698,103	-	170,000	0.00%	-	170,000	170,000	4.11
2053	0.0092	176,000	\$511,103	687,103	-	160,000	0.00%	-	160,000	160,000	4.29
					\$58,120,598	\$5,090,000		\$0	\$5,090,000	\$63,210,598	

AVERAGE (MATURITY) LIFE	15.52 YEARS
NET INTEREST RATE	0.000%
COST SAVINGS	\$ 3,294,860
AVERAGE ANNUAL REQUIREMENT	\$169,667

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Project Budget Summary
City of Taylor
40198 - Drainage Mitigation Project

Budget Items	TWDB Funds	Other Funds (TxGLO - CDBG)	Total
Construction			
Construction	\$ 2,666,770	\$ 649,536	\$ 3,316,306
Subtotal for Construction	\$ 2,666,770	\$ 649,536	\$ 3,316,306
Basic Engineering Services			
Planning	\$ 78,539	\$ -	\$ 78,539
Design	\$ 334,598	\$ 273,936	\$ 608,534
Construction Engineering	\$ 27,755	\$ 182,390	\$ 210,145
Subtotal for Basic Engineering Services	\$ 440,892	\$ 456,326	\$ 897,218
Special Services			
Application	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Environmental	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 45,000
Surveying	\$ 73,779	\$ -	\$ 73,779
Geotechnical	\$ 51,465	\$ -	\$ 51,465
Project Management (by engineer)	\$ 97,062	\$ -	\$ 97,062
Subtotal for Special Services	\$ 257,306	\$ 15,000	\$ 272,306
Other			
Administration	\$ 163,116	\$ 305,359	\$ 468,475
Land Acquisition	\$ 1,199,625	\$ 185,625	\$ 1,385,250
Subtotal for Other	\$ 1,362,741	\$ 490,984	\$ 1,853,725
Fiscal Services			
Bond Counsel	\$ 55,500	\$ -	\$ 55,500
Financial Advisor	\$ 29,200	\$ -	\$ 29,200
Subtotal for Fiscal Services	\$ 84,700	\$ -	\$ 84,700
Contingency			
Contingency	\$ 1,175,635	\$ -	\$ 1,175,635
Subtotal for Contingency	\$ 1,175,635	\$ -	\$ 1,175,635
Total	\$ 5,988,044	\$ 1,611,846	\$ 7,599,890

A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$5,988,044 TO THE CITY OF TAYLOR
FROM THE FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND
THROUGH THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF
\$5,090,000 CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, PROPOSED SERIES 2023A
AND
THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$898,044

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WHEREAS, the City of Taylor (City), located in Williamson County, Texas, has filed an application for financial assistance from the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) in accordance with Texas Water Code Chapter 15, Subchapter I, to finance the planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a flood project, identified as Project No. 40198; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in the amount of \$5,988,044 through the TWDB's proposed purchase of \$5,090,000 City of Taylor, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2023A and \$898,044 through the execution of a Grant Agreement (Obligations), all as is more specifically set forth in the application and in recommendations of the Executive Administrator's staff; and

WHEREAS, the commitment is approved for funding under the TWDB's pre-design funding option, and initial and future releases of funds are subject to 31 TAC § 363.16; and

WHEREAS, the City has offered a pledge of ad valorem taxes and drainage utility system revenues as sufficient security for the repayment of the Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the TWDB hereby finds:

1. that the application and financial assistance requested meet the requirements of Texas Water Code, Chapter 15, Subchapter I; 31 TAC Chapter 363, Subchapters A and D; and the State Fiscal Year 2020 Flood Intended Use Plan (FIUP); and
2. the City has demonstrated a sufficient level of cooperation among eligible political subdivisions and has included all of the eligible political subdivisions substantially affected by the flood project in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.536(2); and
3. that in its opinion the taxes or revenues pledged by the City will be sufficient to meet all Obligations assumed by the City in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.536(3); and

4. that the City is eligible to receive grant funding in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.534 and the FIUP; and
5. that the City has demonstrated that the benefit-cost ratio of the Project meets the requirements of the FIUP; and
6. that the request for financial assistance does not include redundant funding for activities already performed and/or funded through another source, in accordance with the FIUP; and
7. that the Project was developed using the best and most recent available data, in accordance with the FIUP; and
8. that the City has documented that it has planned for operations and maintenance costs associated with the Project, in accordance with the FIUP; and
9. that the City has considered possible floodwater capture techniques that could be associated with the Project for water supply purposes, in accordance with the FIUP; and
10. that the current water audit has been completed by the City and filed with the TWDB in accordance with Texas Water Code § 16.0121.

NOW THEREFORE, based on these findings, the TWDB resolves as follows:

A commitment is made by the TWDB to City of Taylor for financial assistance in the amount of \$5,988,044 from the Flood Infrastructure Fund, to be evidenced by the TWDB's proposed purchase of \$5,090,000 City of Taylor, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Proposed Series 2023A and the execution of a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$898,044. This commitment will expire on September 30, 2023; however, the Executive Administrator may, at his discretion, grant up to one extension for a maximum of three months.

Such commitment is conditioned as follows:

Standard Conditions:

1. this commitment is contingent on availability of TWDB funds on hand;
2. this commitment is contingent upon the issuance of a written approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas stating that the City has complied with all of the requirements of the laws under which said Obligations were issued, that said Obligations were issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and that said Obligations are valid and binding obligations of the City;

3. this commitment is contingent upon the City's continued compliance with all applicable laws, rules, policies, and guidance (as these may be amended from time to time to adapt to a change in law, in circumstances, or any other legal requirement), including but not limited to 31 TAC Chapter 363;
4. the City shall use a paying agent/registrar in accordance with 31 TAC § 363.42(c)(2);
5. the City must immediately notify TWDB, in writing, of any suit against it by the Attorney General of Texas under Texas Penal Code § 1.10(f) (related to federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition);

The Following Conditions Must Be Included in the Obligations:

6. the Obligations must provide that the City will comply with all applicable TWDB laws and rules related to the use of the financial assistance;
7. the Obligations must provide that the City must comply with all conditions as specified in the final environmental finding of the Executive Administrator when issued, including the standard emergency discovery conditions for threatened and endangered species and cultural resources;
8. the Obligations must provide that the City will not begin construction for a portion of the Project until the environmental finding has been issued for that portion of the Project;
9. the Obligations must contain a provision requiring the City to maintain insurance coverage sufficient to protect the TWDB's interest in the project;
10. the Obligations must include a provision wherein the City, or an obligated person for whom financial or operating data is presented to the TWDB in the application for financial assistance either individually or in combination with other issuers of the City's Obligations or obligated persons, will, at a minimum, regardless of the amount of the Obligations, covenant to comply with requirements for continuing disclosure on an ongoing basis substantially in the manner required by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in 17 CFR § 240.15c2-12 (Rule 15c2-12) and determined as if the TWDB were a Participating Underwriter within the meaning of such rule, such continuing disclosure undertaking being for the benefit of the TWDB and the beneficial owners of the City's Obligations, if the TWDB sells or otherwise transfers such Obligations, and the beneficial owners of the TWDB's bonds if the City is an obligated person with respect to such bonds under SEC Rule 15c2-12;
11. the Obligations must contain a provision requiring the City to levy a tax and/or maintain and collect sufficient rates and charges to produce revenues in an

amount necessary to meet the debt service requirements of all outstanding obligations and to maintain the funds established and required by the Obligations;

12. the Obligations must include a provision requiring a final accounting to be made of the total sources and authorized use of Project funds within 60 days of the completion of the Project;
13. the Obligations must include a provision requiring the City to deposit any bond proceeds from the Obligations that are determined to be surplus proceeds remaining after completion of the Project and completion of a final accounting, including any interest earned on the bond proceeds, into the Interest and Sinking Fund;
14. the Grant Agreement must include a provision stating that the City shall either return or deposit into the Interest and Sinking Fund any grant funds that are determined to be surplus funds remaining after completion of the Project and completion of a final accounting, including any interest earned on the grant funds;
15. the Obligations must contain a provision that the TWDB may exercise all remedies available to it in law or equity, and any provision of the Obligations that restricts or limits the TWDB's full exercise of these remedies shall be of no force and effect;
16. financial assistance proceeds are public funds and, as such, the Obligations must include a provision requiring that these proceeds shall be held at a designated state depository institution or other properly chartered and authorized institution in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, Government Code, Chapter 2256 and the Public Funds Collateral Act, Government Code, Chapter 2257;
17. financial assistance proceeds shall not be used by the City when sampling, testing, removing, or disposing of contaminated soils and/or media at the Project site. The Obligations shall include an environmental indemnification provision wherein the City agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and protect the TWDB from any and all claims, causes of action or damages to the person or property of third parties arising from the sampling, analysis, transport, storage, treatment, recycling, and disposition of any contaminated sewage sludge, contaminated sediments, and/or contaminated media that may be generated by the City, its contractors, consultants, agents, officials, and employees as a result of activities relating to the Project to the extent permitted by law;
18. the Obligations must contain a provision stating that the City shall abide by all applicable construction contract requirements related to the use of iron and steel products produced in the United States, as required by Texas Government Code, Chapter 2252, Subchapter G;

19. the Obligations must provide that the City will not cause or permit the Obligations to be treated as “federally guaranteed” obligations within the meaning of § 149(b) of the Code;
20. the Obligations must contain a covenant that the City will refrain from using the proceeds of the Obligations to pay debt service on another issue of obligations of the borrower in contravention of section 149(d) of the Code (related to “advance refundings”);
21. the Obligations must contain a provision requiring the City to submit quarterly status reports on the progress of the project that details information requested by the Executive Administrator. The Executive Administrator may withhold authorization to release funds from escrow or adjust the amount of funds to be released from escrow based on the receipt of the quarterly status reports and the projected quarterly needs for the project;

Pledge Conditions for the Loan:

22. the Obligations must contain a provision that provides as follows:
 - a. if system revenues are actually on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund in advance of the time when ad valorem taxes are scheduled to be levied for any year, then the amount of taxes which otherwise would have been required to be levied and collected may be reduced to the extent and by the amount of revenues then on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund; or
 - b. if surplus revenues are based upon budgeted amounts:
 - i. the Obligations must include a requirement that the City transfer and deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund each month an amount of not less than 1/12th of the annual debt service on the Obligations until the amount on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund equals the amount required for annual debt service on the Obligations; further, that the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Obligations must include a requirement that the City shall not transfer any funds from the City’s pledged system revenues to any fund other than the Interest and Sinking Fund until such time as an amount equal to the annual debt service on the Obligations for the then-current fiscal year has been deposited in the Interest and Sinking Fund;
 - ii. the Obligations must include a requirement that for each year the Obligations are outstanding, and prior to the time taxes are to be levied for such year, the City shall establish, adopt, and maintain an annual budget that provides for either the monthly deposit of sufficient surplus pledged revenues and/or tax revenues, the

monthly deposit of any other legally available funds on hand at the time of the adoption of the annual budget, or a combination thereof, into the Interest and Sinking Fund for the repayment of the Obligations; and

- iii. the Obligations must include a requirement that the City shall at all times maintain and collect sufficient rates and charges so that after payment of the costs of operating and maintaining the project, it produces revenues in an amount not less than 1.10 times debt service requirements of all outstanding Obligations of the City and other obligations of the City that are secured in whole or in part by the pledged revenues, for which the City is budgeting the repayment of such Obligations, or the City shall provide documentation that evidences the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax rate dedicated to the Interest and Sinking Fund, in conjunction with any other legally available funds, sufficient for the repayment of debt service requirements;

Conditions to Close or for Release of Funds:

23. prior to closing, the City shall submit documentation evidencing the adoption and implementation of sufficient system rates and charges or, if applicable, the levy of an interest and sinking tax rate sufficient for the repayment of all system debt service requirements;
24. prior to release of funds for the relevant services, and if required under the TWDB's financial assistance program and if not previously provided with the application, the City shall submit executed contracts for engineering and, if applicable, financial advisor and bond counsel, for the Project that are satisfactory to the Executive Administrator. Fees to be reimbursed under the contracts must be reasonable in relation to the services performed, reflected in the contract, and acceptable to the Executive Administrator;
25. prior to closing, when any portion of financial assistance is to be held in escrow or in trust, the City shall execute an escrow agreement or trust agreement, approved as to form and substance by the Executive Administrator, and shall submit that executed agreement to the TWDB;
26. prior to closing, the City's bond counsel must prepare a written, unqualified approving opinion acceptable to the executive administrator. Bond counsel may rely on covenants and representations of the City when rendering this opinion; and

27. prior to release of funds for construction, the City must provide the TWDB with evidence that the necessary acquisitions of land, leases, easements, and rights-of-way have been completed, or that the City has the legal authority necessary to complete the acquisitions.

PROVIDED, however, the commitment is subject to the following special condition:

Special Condition:

28. prior to closing, the City shall execute a Grant Agreement in a form and substance acceptable to the Executive Administrator.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 9th day of March 2023.

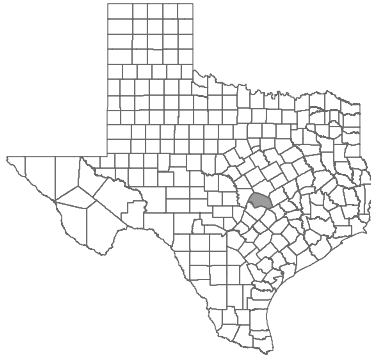
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Brooke T. Paup, Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator



City of Taylor Williamson County

