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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Grants Management Request Questionnaire

Please note: The county's acceptance of a grant will generally form a contract and; therefore, the application for a grant must be considered and approved by the Commissioners Court prior to making such application.

DIRECTIONS

Please complete the answers to the best of your ability. If a question does not relate to your request, please mark it N/A (Not Applicable). If your answer requires further research, please mark it as N/R (Needing Research) and give an estimated date such information will be obtained. When finished, please print and upload the form to the Agenda.

Grant Title/Project Name:

Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant

Department:

Emergency Management

Requestor:

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Start Date:

1/13/2020

End Date:

1/11/2021

Please select request category:

Grant funding

Describe the request category in detail to include all requirements.

Revision to the existing Williamson County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to include plan updates as well as the addition of several more planning participants. The current Hazard Mitigation Plan Update which is on-file with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is due for an update in the year 2021. Beginning in the calendar-year 2020, Williamson County will begin updating this plan in partnership with the existing Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as well as several new jurisdictional participants. As part of this effort, Williamson County will be seeking grant assistance in order to obtain professional services related to the management of this plan update. Partnering jurisdictions will assist Williamson County in the recoupment of financial match to awarded funds through either a cash match or in-kind services. Section 322 of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5165) requires local governments to develop a hazardous mitigation plan as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects; and, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at Title 44, Chapter 1, part 201, requires the County to prepare and adopt a local mitigation plan every five years.

Select the type of grant your department is applying for:

Federal

What is the amount of the grant?

\$120,000.00

Please provide a breakdown of the total cost above.

Project cost is determined using figures provided by TDEM at \$60,000 for the plan update to Williamson County plus \$6,000 for each additional partnering jurisdiction under the plan. $10 \text{ participants} \times \$6,000 + \$60,000 = \$120,000$. It should be noted under this proposal that if there are limitations of available funding, a partial award amount would be considered for assistance in completion of this project. The county will be responsible for \$20,000 and each participant would be responsible for \$1,000. The total grant award will go to a contractor to revise the plan.

Is there a match requirement?

Yes

If yes, describe the type and source of match.

25% of cash and in-kind services from all plan participants. The county will be responsible for \$20,000 and each participant would be responsible for \$1,000.

Does the grant cover the cost of the request 100%?

Yes

OTHER REQUEST QUESTIONS ONLY

List other similar items in the County and/or region and if they available for use?

The only other similar item is the current Hazard Mitigation Plan but it will expire in January, 2021.

How is this item request different from any similar assets currently in the County and/or region?

N/A

What types of events/purpose would this item be used for that cannot be accomplished with a current County asset?

This plan would allow us to apply for federal grants that deal with hazard mitigation actions, such as early warning systems (outdoor warning sirens), flood mitigation projects, etc.

Identify the number of personnel required to operate this item and/or be available for the function where it is to be used?

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Please explain how this item will create the need for more or less personnel (or mark n/a for no change)?

N/A

Where will the item be stored?

Emergency Management

What is the useful life of the item?

5 years by federal regulation.

Will a replacement be requested from general funds when useful life has been exhausted? (OR)

Yes

Does this item require insurance coverage?

No

Will this item require any form of licensing?

No

Will this item require on-going maintenance? Please describe the maintenance required along with an estimate for these costs?

The only associated maintenance cost is the 5-year life cycle of the plan.

How will this item be funded when the grant ends?

Funding will be sought with other federal hazard grants.

BUDGETARY IMPACT

What is the overall budgetary impact? (i.e. revenue generation, expense reduction, etc.)

Expense reduction to hazard prone areas to mitigate and reduce the response and recovery expense.

Please identify any additional equipment needed/required (now or in the future) should the grant/asset is awarded.

Any equipment will be identified during the planning phase of the document but would be multi-use equipment to mitigate identified hazards. Or the county already has that equipment, such as bulldozers, scrapers, etc.

What is the cost and frequency to maintain/update the additional equipment?

Unknown at this time.

What is the impact of this grant application on other internal/county departments?

The impact could be grant funding for identified county mitigation projects, such as flood prone areas that put roadways under water, that grant funding could be used to mitigate the flood area. There will be a cost matching of no more than 25% if a project was awarded grant funds.

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