



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. X. F
3/25/2025

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Trustees, City Council

FROM: Chris Browning, General Manager

Concurrence with the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust in adopting the Resolution ratifying the actions of the General Manager in submitting the first step of the application process, and authorizing the General Manager or designee to submit the grant application to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management under the fiscal year 2024 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program solicitation, seeking grant funding in the amount of \$42,375,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Overholser Dam Structural Stability Improvements, Project WM-0309; authorizing the General Manager or designee to administer the grant application process; authorizing the General Manager or designee to accept the grant award; authorizing the General Manager or designee to administer necessary accounts for grant expenditures, deposits, and reimbursements; authorizing the General Manager or designee to provide required reports to administer the grant; and authorizing the General Manager or designee to execute any documents associated with the grant agreement.

Background:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approximately \$750,000,000 to provide grant funding for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities. The FEMA programs are administered in Oklahoma by the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management.

The grant program can provide up to 75 percent of funding for a project, not to exceed \$50,000,000 per applicant. Staff has identified the Overholser Dam Structural Stabilization Improvements, Project WM-0309, as an ideal project to submit for consideration. This project will provide stability and hydraulic improvements, for the Overholser Dam with an estimated cost of \$56,500,000, with a grant request of \$42,375,000 and OCWUT funding of \$14,125,000.

The application process is two steps, 1. application to the State of Oklahoma for consideration, and 2. application to FEMA for national consideration. An application to the State was submitted on October 11, 2024. The deadline for submission of an application to FEMA is April 18, 2025. The Resolution also seeks to grant to the General Manager or designee the authority to administer the grant application process, to sign any and all necessary documents and to administer the grant if awarded.

Review:

Utilities Department

Recommendation: Concur with the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust in adopting the Resolution.