



AGENDA COVER MEMO

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Order Date: 12/10/2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration, Policy Division

PRESENTED BY: Alexandria Dreher, Grant Strategy Program Manager

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER 24-12-10-02/ In the Matter of Accepting a Building Resilient Infrastructure for Communities (BRIC) Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the Amount of \$2,850,000 and Accepting a Matching Grant Award from Business Oregon's Special Public Works Fund up to \$500,000 for Mapleton Water District Water Storage Tank and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Execute Award Agreements and Associated Contracts and Documents.

I. MOTION

Move to accept a Building Resilient Infrastructure for Communities (BRIC) grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the Amount of \$2,850,000 and accept a matching grant award from Business Oregon's Special Public Works Fund up to \$500,000 for Mapleton Water District Water Storage Tank and delegating authority to the County Administrator to execute award agreements and associated contracts and documents.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to accept a FEMA BRIC grant award to build a 300,000 gallon water storage tank in Mapleton to increase the on-site supply of potable water for the Mapleton Water District, and accept a grant from Business Oregon's Special Public Works fund which will cover the required 10% match of the FEMA BRIC grant.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

Board Order 23-10-10-12 adopted the Lane County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural

Hazard Mitigation Plan Version 4.0. This plan identifies hazard mitigation priority activities. A key source of grant funding for hazard mitigation projects is the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure for Communities (BRIC) grant.

In May 2022, Mapleton Water District applied to Lane County for an ARPA Community Grant. Their request was not awarded, however further discussions of potential funding for projects led Lane County staff to identify FEMA BRIC as a funding opportunity.

When the FY22 FEMA BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity was released, Lane County staff informed Mapleton Water District of this potential funding opportunity. At the time of application preparation, Mapleton Water District was not annexed to the Lane County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, so ineligible to directly apply for FEMA BRIC grant funds. Lane County agreed to apply on behalf of Mapleton Water District for this grant as they continued to work on their Annex (Mapleton Water District annexed into Lane County's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in August 2024).

The Mapleton Water District Water Storage Tank grant application was submitted in January 2023. Mapleton Water District, in partnership with Lane County, secured a Special Public Works Fund (SPWF) grant from Business Oregon to cover the required 10% match. The SPWF grant award anticipated is \$300,000, however can go up to \$500,000 should cost escalation increase overall project cost and FEMA authorize additional funds for the project. For that reason, this board order reads to accept up to \$500,000 from Business Oregon.

Project will expand on-site emergency water storage capacity in a rural unincorporated area of West Lane County (Mapleton). Funds will be used to purchase a 300,000 gallon nominal water storage tank, with the end result to secure a reliable water supply for rural West Lane County residents. The storage tank would serve the Mapleton Water District customers who are residents and businesses in rural West Lane County.

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The grant application was selected for further review by FEMA in July 2023.

Lane County and Mapleton Water District have responded to multiple "Requests for Information" from FEMA prior to award. Lane County and Mapleton Water District prepared additional information and detail to meet the needs of FEMA. Lane County was notified that Oregon Department of Emergency Management anticipates final award documents from FEMA by the end of calendar year 2024. This board order will allow Lane County to accept grant award documents swiftly and begin project.

B. Policy Issues

Accepting this award aligns with Lane County's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Version 4.0 (ORDER 23-10-10-12).

C. Board Goals

Strategic Priority #3: Maintain and invest in resilient infrastructure that creates the highest return for safety, community connectivity, enjoyment of life, and local economic success. Item C: "Build a culture of preparedness and operational readiness within the organization in coordination with community partners."

Strategic Priority #4: Our People and Organizational Health. Objective C.4. "Enhance revenue for core services that impact the health and safety of our organization and community, and pursue our legislative priorities that emphasize needed repairs or enhancements to systems."

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Accepting this grant award will bring \$2,850,000 in federal dollars into our community and leverage between \$300,000 to \$500,000 in matching funds from Business Oregon. Project will expand on-site emergency water storage capacity in a rural unincorporated area of West Lane County (Mapleton). Funds will be used to purchase a 300,000 gallon nominal water storage tank, with the end result to secure a reliable water supply for rural West Lane County residents. The storage tank would serve the Mapleton Water District customers who are residents and businesses in rural West Lane County.

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E. Health Implications

Funds will be used to purchase a 300,000 gallon nominal water storage tank, with the end result to secure a reliable water supply for rural West Lane County residents. The storage tank would serve the Mapleton Water District customers who are residents and businesses in rural West Lane County. There are significant health risks associated with lack of access to potable water. Mapleton Water District has been forced to endure multiple weeks-long boil water notices due to high turbidity and a water distribution system with significant deferred maintenance.

F. Analysis

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G. Alternatives/Options

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2. Delay acceptance of award. Provide additional direction to staff.
3. Decline award.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Recommend acceptance of Building Resilient Infrastructure for Communities (BRIC) grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the Amount of \$2,850,000 and accept a matching grant award from Business Oregon's Special Public Works Fund up to \$500,000 for Mapleton Water District Water Storage Tank and delegate authority to the County Administrator to execute award agreements and associated contracts and documents.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Staff will proceed as directed.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Staff will provide updates to the Board, as prudent.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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WHEREAS, the 2022-2024 Lane County Strategic Plan identified Strategic Priority #3: Maintain and invest in resilient infrastructure that creates the highest return for safety, community connectivity, enjoyment of life, and local economic success; and

WHEREAS, Lane County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies hazard mitigation priority activities; and

WHEREAS, Lane County applied for a FY22 Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure for Communities (BRIC) grant funding for the Mapleton Water District Water Storage Tank; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure for Communities (BRIC) grant is pending award; and

WHEREAS, Business Oregon has conditionally awarded Lane County a Special Public Works Fund grant for the required 10% match of the FEMA BRIC grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Lane County accept a Building Resilient Infrastructure for Communities (BRIC) Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the Amount of \$2,850,000.
2. Lane County accept a matching grant award from Business Oregon's Special Public Works Fund up to \$500,000 for Mapleton Water District Water Storage Tank.
3. The County Administrator is delegated authority to execute award agreements and associated contracts and documents.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December, 2024.

Laurie Triege, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners