



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2059, **Version:** 1

Department: Management and Budget

Department Head/Elected Official: Daniel Ramos, Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Commercial Paper

Project ID (if applicable): TBD

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of commercial paper funding for the Office of the County Engineer for the Harris County Sheriff Office's Swift Water Training Facility project in the amount of \$345,000.

Background and Discussion:

Commercial Paper Series D-2 can be used for (1) construction of public works, (2) the purchase of automobiles, equipment and machinery, including computers, materials and supplies for the operation of the County's precincts and departments (3) Professional services, including services provided by engineers, architects, attorneys, auditors, financial advisors, and fiscal agents, in connection with the contractual obligations described in (1) and (2).

Commercial Paper is being requested for the Harris County Sheriff Office's Swift Water Training Facility project and is expected to be repaid within the next three fiscal years either through bonds, budgetary means or pay-as-you-go sources. This is for approval for allocation of commercial paper for a previously approved project within the previously authorized amount.

HB 1869 compliance confirmed by: Paige Abernathy, Assistant County Attorney, October 17, 2023.

Expected Impact:

This facility's construction is an effective measure to reduce financial and logistical processes for the county with approvals supporting In-Texas Travel and Training. As a result, staffing and funding currently supporting travel to another venue will be alleviated. This resource's impact will enable localized training for first responders faced with response to this environment. Additionally, this project will prioritize and equip our responders to manage waterborne evacuations and rescues. The construction of a facility in Harris County will allow us to train up to 1,600 personnel per year from all Harris County law enforcement agencies and regional partners.

Alternative Options:

Closest alternative location is in Georgetown, Texas. The risk associated with alternatives leaves financial and logistical schedules impacting the department and programs associated with our responders. Personnel will be required to attend training with vendors resulting in impacts with loss of work related to travel. Example is typical training is over three (3) days plus travel and overtime expenses. Houston Community College is discussing feasibility for an advanced facility; however, the delivery is expected between 3-5 years. Further the proposed HCC facility will not be specific to Harris County needs. Our facility will train personnel on Harris County specific flooding/hydraulic environments such as vehicular rescues and waterflow rates. The conditional overlap of the department, vendor, and environmental schedules provides unknown or narrow windows of training opportunities and cannot support the year-round training environments achieved with this project.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
4/4/2023	143.	Request approval and discussion to initiate design and construction

Location:

Address (if applicable): 1731 Hugh Rd. Houston, TX 77067
 Precinct(s): Precinct 1

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$

Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
Commercial Paper	\$	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$
Total Funding Request	\$	\$345,000	\$345,000	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: April 4, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Amy Perez, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Management and Budget

Attachments (if applicable): N/A