

**Town of Lyons, Colorado
Board of Trustees
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet
Agenda Item No: Resolution 2023-18
Meeting Date: 3-20-2023**

TO: Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Tracy Sanders, Project Manager

DATE: March 20, 2023

ITEM: A Resolution of the Town of Lyons, Colorado, Approving the Submission of a FEMA HMGP Grant Application for Electric Utility Undergrounding Scoping and Committing to the Required Grant Match

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I. REQUEST OR ISSUE:

This resolution approves a submission of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) scoping application and to commit to a grant match of 10% of the total funding request. Staff is requesting the Board to encumber the funds required for match for this grant application.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:

Approve application submission and commit to match requirements

III. FISCAL IMPACTS:

Without this funding, the Town has very limited resources to complete this project in a timely manner. For the grant application the Town is required to send a match commitment letter. Although the Town would be making a commitment to the match, the Town can still pursue other grant opportunities to assist with match. The State/DHSEM (Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management) has indicated that they have some funding available to assist with cost share for this project. DHSEM would be able to match at least 50% of the Town's cost share if they deem the Town is eligible. The Town would need to send a letter requesting assistance and explain why it would be needed.

The cost estimated is derived from the Town Engineers research that it costs approximately \$1M per mile to underground utilities then taking 30% of that estimate for design and engineering. The 30% is based of the experience we have had with design and construction of \$10M of infrastructure projects for the last 10 years.

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30% for Design and Engineering \$300,000

Staff would recommend encumbering \$30,000 of electric CIP \$100,000 annual set aside. Staff will continue to pursue other match funding opportunities in the meantime.

Electric Undergrounding

Project Estimate: \$300,000
FEMA HMGP 90% Share: \$270,000
Town 10% Share: \$ 30,000

IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Electric Utility Undergrounding: Town staff has drafted an application to FEMA HMGP for scoping for the Electric Utility Undergrounding from Highway 36/66 junction to Black Bear Hole approximately 1.5 miles. The scoping grant would fund hiring a consultant to assist the Town with developing a design for electric utility undergrounding. The plan will include but will not be limited to the following: risk assessment, defining defensible space, mitigation opportunities, public education plan, evacuation plan, cost benefit analysis for future funding, enforcement plan, plus other items.

Timeline: the applications will be submitted in March 2023. It is anticipated that FEMA will award in the next six months to one year. The scope of the work will need to be completed within three years of the grant obligation.

V. LEGAL ISSUES:

None

VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

None

VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not applying for funding and allocate planning to staff.

PROPOSED MOTION:

"I move to approve Resolution 2023-18, A Resolution of the Town of Lyons, Colorado, Approving the Submission of a FEMA HMGP grant application for Electric Service Undergrounding Scoping and. Committing to the Required Grant Match."