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Consider the authorization of the grant application.

Approval of the Resolution authorizing the grant application.

The Transportation Alternatives Grant is a federally funded grant opportunity for non-motorized transportation projects that improve safety, access and mobility. A new eligible activity for the 2023 program is the development of Active Transportation Planning Documents. The proposed project for this grant application is to develop an Active Transportation and Safety Plan for Mansfield's pedestrian and bicycling needs. The plan will include a detailed inventory of all pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure within the city's public right-of-way; engage the public and stakeholders; analyze and conduct safety assessments of existing conditions and needs; and develop a prioritized action plan and ADA Transition plan. A presentation was made to City Council at the December 12, 2022 meeting on this topic. The attached resolution is to seek City Council's approval to apply for this grant.

The grant process requires a preliminary application by January 27, 2023 to the Texas Department of Transportation. The first screening of applications will be complete by March 27, 2023 and the selected projects will move to a detailed application submittal by June 5. Final decisions by TxDOT are scheduled for August 18, 2023. The estimated cost for this effort will be approximately \$600,000, with 80% of the cost funded by the federal program. The city is obligated for 20% of the cost.

The proposed Action Plan will set a detailed course for improvements to our pedestrian and bicycling transportation network. It will put Mansfield in compliance with the ADA Transition planning requirement for our public right-of-way. A well-prepared Safety Plan is also a necessary component to apply for many other significant grant opportunities for future projects identified in the final report.

Identifying the funding source is not necessary at this time. Staff and City Council will discuss this during upcoming capital and budget planning for FY2024.

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