



Department Source: City Utilities

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

Re: Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) Rail Infrastructure Upgrades – Grant Management Services Agreement with Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission (MMRPC) for grant management services related to rail infrastructure upgrades for the COLT. On March 4, 2024, City Council approved the authorization to apply for the grant with the U. S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). The grant application, totaling \$3,200,000, from the EDA included funding for the City to hire grant management services for the project. The grant management services total cost is \$30,000.

## Discussion

The City Utilities Department has been awarded \$3,200,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) for rail infrastructure upgrades for the COLT. This award will cover 80% of the total project cost. The remaining \$800,000 represents the required 20% match and will be funded from the General Fund.

The City Utilities Department is requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with the MMRPC for grant management services for the rail infrastructure upgrades for the COLT. The grant from the EDA requires the use of the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission for grant management services.

The grant management services provided by the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission will include multiple aspects of recording keeping, project progress reporting required by the EDA, documentation of expenditures for the project, financial reports, EDA project compliance, fund disbursement requests with the EDA, project closeout documentation, etc. The total cost of the services is not-to-exceed \$30,000. The services from the MMRPC will begin after execution of the agreement through final project close out with the EDA.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total cost of the grant management services agreement will not exceed \$30,000. This funding was included in the financial assistance award from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

Long-Term Impact: None.



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## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
03/04/2024	R50-24 Authorizing application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a grant for the City's Columbia Terminal Railroad (COLT) rail resiliency and connectivity projects.

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance.