

OCTOBER 25, 2022

## Summary and Recommendation

On June 28, 2022, Commissioners Court approved a proposed methodology for Utilization of Funds from the Harris County Flood Resilience Trust, as well as an initial request for \$84,952,031 to assure that no Bond Project was delayed due to lack of partner funding, while additional partner funding is pursued. This request was made with the expectation that subsequent requests for additional funds from the Flood Resilience Trust would be on a bi-annual basis. Several projects have progressed more quickly than anticipated, and need Flood Resilience Trust dollars on a faster timetable. This memorandum summarizes the Flood Control District's supplemental request to allow four Bond Program projects to continue without delay.

The below Appendix A summarizes the four projects seeking approval to use funds totaling \$15,230,470. When combined with the funds approved by Court on 6/28/22, the total amount of Flood Resilience Trust utilization will be \$100,182,501. Currently there is \$128.8 million available in cash in the Flood Resilience Trust, so approval of this supplemental request, in combination with the previously approved funds, will leave a cash balance a little more than \$28 million.

The practice of making supplemental requests to utilize funds from the Flood Resilience Trust outside of a bi-annual cycle is not taken lightly, but occasionally may be necessary. Going forward, the Flood Control District anticipates bringing these to court under certain limited as-needed individual circumstances, which may include:

- Acceptance of a grant that requires a local match exceeding secured local funds
- Awarding construction projects that exceed the amount of secured funds
- A change in contract for a construction project underway that exceeds the amount of secured funds

Finally, while the cash balance of the Flood Resilience Trust is approximately \$28 million (after approval of this supplemental request), the Flood Control District will provide an update to the overall bond program at the next bi-annual Flood Resilience Trust utilization request. This update may include a number of replenishments and/or reimbursements to the Flood Resilience Trust such as:

- Closeout of Bond Program Projects with a balance of Bond Funds
- Receipt of additional reimbursements from various federal agencies
- Mobility funding transfers

## A: Detail of October 25, 2022 Flood Resilience Trust Supplemental Utilization Request

Note: All projects listed below are eligible to receive Flood Resilience Trust funding in accordance with the “Recommended Methodology and Request for Utilization of Funds” approved by Commissioners Court June 28, 2022.

Bond ID	Watershed	Project Title	Precinct	Total Partner Funding Gap	Previous Allocation	Remaining Partner Gap	Supplemental Utilization Requested	Notes
C-10	Sims Bayou	South Shaver Stormwater Detention Basin	Pct: 2	\$6,877,286.00	-	\$6,877,286.00	\$6,877,286.00	Construction is already under way with a partial Purchase Order. Approval of these funds will fully fund the remaining construction to completion. Additional partnerships are not expected.
C-23	Halls Bayou	P118-08-00 Conveyance and Detention Improvements	Pct: 1	\$22,500,000.00	-	\$22,500,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	Design is currently underway for this project. In order to avoid future delays, it is important to begin right-of-way acquisition now. Approval of this funding will allow the Flood Control District to take advantage of a voluntary acquisition. Partnerships continue to be pursued for the remainder of project design, acquisition, and construction.
C-25	Halls Bayou	Harris County Flood Control District Channel P118-21-00 Drainage Improvements Phase II	Pct: 2	\$4,853,184.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$3,853,184.00	\$3,853,184.00	Construction is already under way with a partial Purchase Order using a combination of local bond funds and a CDBG-DR grant. Approval of these funds will fully fund the remaining construction to completion. Additional partnerships are not expected.
C-28	Halls Bayou	P118-25-00 and Tributaries Conveyance and Detention Improvements	Pct: 2	\$17,712,814.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$15,712,814.00	\$1,500,000.00	Design is currently underway for this project. In order to avoid future delays, it is important to begin right-of-way acquisition now. Approval of this funding will allow the Flood Control District to begin making offers on needed right-of way. Partnerships continue to be pursued for the remainder of project design, acquisition, and construction.
<b>Total Supplemental Request (10/25/2022)</b>							<b>\$15,230,470.00</b>	
<b>Total Previously Approved (06/28/2022)</b>							<b>\$84,952,031.00</b>	
<b>Total Utilization of the Flood Resilience Trust</b>							<b>\$100,182,501.00</b>	