

Office of Michael H. Barnes, P.E.

City of Richland Hills, Texas

## Memorandum

**To:** Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council.  
**From:** Michael Barnes, P.E., City Engineer  
**Date:** July 30, 2014  
**Subject:** Green Ribbon Project FY2014/2015

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### **Council Action:**

Approve acceptance of \$200,000.00 grant from TxDOT for the 2014/2015 Green Ribbon Project.

### **Background Information:**

Last year the city was selected to receive a grant of \$250,000.00 from TxDOT for participation in their Green Ribbon Project. The scope of the project last year included landscaping and irrigation facilities for the four large medians from Faith Creek Dr. to Labadie Dr.

This year the city has been selected to receive a grant for the TxDOT Green Ribbon Project in the amount of \$200,000. The scope of the project will be the remaining medians from Booth Calloway Rd. to Crites Dr. with a special emphasis at the east and west entrance monuments leading into the city. The requirements of the project are the same as last year. The funding includes landscaping and irrigation facilities for the remaining medians. The city will be responsible for the cost of the design which requires a licensed landscape architect. Halff Associates has submitted a proposal for \$27,000.00 for basic services which includes project management, survey, landscape design, specifications, bidding assistance, cost estimates and record drawings. Construction administration costs of \$4,000.00, and direct expense costs of \$1,000. Last year's basic services were \$32,000.00 plus construction administration and direct expenses.

At a previous council meeting, there was some discussion about the possibility of doing some landscaping along the medians of Blvd. 26. Staff has researched this and found that all eligible areas on Blvd. 26 are in North Richland Hills and not Richland Hills.

**Board/Citizen Input:** NA

**Financial Impact:** 2014/2015 Budget of an amount of \$32,000.00

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**Attachments:** Letter from TxDOT of Grant Award



July 30, 2014

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RE: Green Ribbon Funding – FY2015

Dear Mr. Barnes:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Fort Worth District has approved the City of Richland Hills for Green Ribbon Landscape funds in the 2015 fiscal year (September 2014 through August 2015). The City of Richland Hills has been approved for a fixed amount of **\$200,000**. Direct State Cost will not be charged, but costs over \$200,000 for bid items will be the City's responsibility.

There were several applications this year and most were excellent candidates, yet due to funding limitations, not all proposed projects were funded and you may not have received the exact amount requested. This selection is preliminary, pending a signed Advance Funding Agreement. Should any entity decline funding, an alternate will be chosen.

We will be setting up meetings in August with each entity and TxDOT staff to go over the proposed project and draft the Advance Funding Agreement to be signed by the City and TxDOT.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (817) 370-6639.

Sincerely,

Kimberly L. Phillips, RLA ASLA CLARB  
District Landscape Architect  
Fort Worth District

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