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City of Round Rock
Attn: Mr. Adam J Levy, Staff Engineer
221 E Main Street
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Subject: Funding Opportunity No. R23AS00463 – WaterSMART:
Title XVI Congressionally Authorized Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects for Fiscal Years
2023 and 2024 – Your Application Titled, “Expansion of the City of Round Rock’s Reclaimed
Water Distribution System”

Dear Mr. Levy:

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is pleased to inform you that your application, submitted by the first application due date of December 7, 2023, for the WaterSMART: Congressionally Authorized Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects Funding Opportunity was among those receiving the highest ratings and is now being considered for award of a financial assistance agreement. Reclamation anticipates awarding Federal funds in the amount of \$4,223,469 for your project.

In working with you to develop your financial assistance agreement, Reclamation will closely review the activities outlined in your proposal to ensure that activities eligible for funding are identified and that the proposed costs are allowable under financial assistance regulations and the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). If some costs or activities are determined to be ineligible or unallowable, Reclamation will work with you to refine the scope of work and budget for the project. In addition, Reclamation must have sufficient evidence prior to award that non-Federal cost share will be available. The final funding amount may be adjusted if necessary. Please note that a small portion of this amount may be set aside for Reclamation to ensure the project’s Federal regulatory and statutory compliance, and to otherwise oversee the implementation of the project.

All new financial assistance awards for infrastructure projects must meet Buy America requirements. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) implementing guidance states that the Buy America provisions apply to projects carried out through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding and annual appropriations. See OMB [Memorandum M-22-11](#) for further details. Please note that Reclamation's WaterSMART program received final approval for a [waiver](#) for the [Build America, Buy America](#) requirements on February 15, 2024. This waiver allows for conditional and time-limited purchase of non-domestic products used in water infrastructure projects funded under WaterSMART programs.

All projects being considered for award of funding are required to comply with all Federal environmental and cultural resource requirements, including the National Environmental Policy

Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. If project activities that require environmental and cultural compliance approval begin prior to receipt of a written notice from Reclamation that all such clearances have been obtained, the costs of such activities will not be eligible for reimbursement or application as non-Federal cost share.

In addition, funding for construction activities will not be released until Reclamation makes a determination of financial capability for the project.

The Reclamation regional or area office that will be responsible for awarding and administering your agreement will contact you to finalize your award. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the process or your agreement, please contact Luis Cruzado, Missouri Basin & Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas Gulf Regional Title XVI Coordinator, at 512-899-4170 or at lcruzado@usbr.gov.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the WaterSMART: Congressionally Authorized Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program. The success of the Title XVI Program depends on collaboration with partners to improve the reliability of water supplies.

Sincerely,

/s/ Diana Blake
Grants Officer