

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program, an annual competitive program that provides funding to local governments for projects that reduce the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2026, FEMA published an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FMA grant program, with a submission deadline of August 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the FMA grant program makes funding available for three separate categories of projects, including up to \$420 million available for Localized Flood Risk Reduction Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board is the state administrator of the FMA program and requires an earlier sub-application submission deadline of June 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Austin Watershed Protection intends to submit a sub-application for funding for the Fort Branch Flood Risk Reduction Project (Project) under the Localized Flood Risk Reduction Project category, seeking up to \$50 million in federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Project proposes improvements that would reduce the risk of roadway and building flooding in the Windsor Park neighborhood in Council District 4 through infrastructure improvements in the 100-year floodplain along Fort Branch, a tributary of Boggy Creek, between US Highway 290 and Manor Road, benefitting approximately 140 properties that are primarily single-family residential homes and three low water crossing in the area; and

27 **WHEREAS**, if funds are awarded, the City will be required to contribute 25
28 percent in matching funds, which are available in Austin Watershed Protection's
29 capital budget; and

30 **WHEREAS**, if funds are awarded, staff will return to Council for
31 authorization to accept federal funds and contribute the local match; **NOW**,
32 **THEREFORE**,

33 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

34 Council authorizes the City Manager to submit an application to the FMA
35 grant program seeking up to \$5,000,000, with a 25 percent local cost share, for
36 funding for the Fort Branch Flood Risk Reduction Project.

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40 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2026 **ATTEST:** _____
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