



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**May 4, 2021**

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**TOPIC:** Grant Application for the Urban Flood Protection Program

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application Submission for Funding from the Proposition 68 Urban Flood Protection Program for the Downtown Flood Reduction and Stormwater Infiltration Project

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Public Works Agency to submit a grant application to the California Natural Resources Agency for the Downtown Flood Reduction and Stormwater Infiltration Project, in an amount of up to \$3.805 million.

**DISCUSSION**

Downtown Santa Ana experiences significant flooding during intense rain events, which can have negative impacts on vehicle and pedestrian travel, as well as on business operations. The Downtown Flood Reduction and Stormwater Infiltration Project will alleviate flooding via a two-pronged approach. First, stormdrain infrastructure will be reconstructed and upgraded to increase capacity. Second, a large subsurface stormwater infiltration system will be constructed to divert and remove flows from the stormdrain system. As part of the project, a City-owned parking lot will also be reconstructed and additional stormdrain upgrades may be added based on funding. This multi-benefit project will not only reduce flooding Downtown, but will also increase local water supplies and improve water quality in the Newport Bay watershed via stormwater infiltration and implementation of Best Management Practices.

This project is currently in the conceptual design phase and Public Works Agency staff has submitted an application for \$3.805 million to the Proposition 68 Urban Flood Protection Grant Program. A resolution is a required component of successful grant applications for this funding program. Should funding be awarded, completion of the construction plans is anticipated near the end of Fiscal Year 2021-22 and construction is anticipated to commence close to the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022-23.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. If this project is awarded funding, no funding match is required because this project benefits a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) area. Staff will return to Council with a request for approval of further actions if funding is awarded.

**EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Resolution Authorizing Grant Application for Urban Flood Protection Program

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Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager