

MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Powell, City Manager

FROM: Mark McNeal, Fire Chief

DATE: August 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Grant Award from the Texas Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Program, eGrant Number 5494801, FY2025 State Homeland Security Program Regular Projects – City of Lewisville Variable Message Signs

BACKGROUND

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) provides funding to help state and local governments prepare for, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorism and other significant threats. The program supports investments that strengthen critical emergency preparedness capabilities and enhance the safety, security, and resilience of communities through a whole-community approach. The City of Lewisville receives annual HSGP funding and applies it to initiatives that enhance emergency preparedness, public safety, and community resilience.

ANALYSIS

The City of Lewisville has been awarded \$21,000 through the Texas Office of the Governor's FY2025 State Homeland Security Program to purchase a variable message board. These boards are an important public safety tool used to communicate real-time information to motorists and the public, including roadway closures, detours, evacuation routes, hazards, and other critical safety messages. They also support planned special events, major traffic incidents, infrastructure projects, and other operations requiring temporary traffic control and public notification.

The need for additional variable message boards was identified through regional planning efforts led by the North Central Texas Public Works Emergency Response Team, which recognized a shortage of mobile public information and traffic management resources during large-scale, multi-jurisdictional incidents. Recent emergency responses have further demonstrated the need to expand regional capacity.

This equipment will enhance the City's ability to manage emergencies by improving traffic control, securing incident areas, and providing timely public information. It will also strengthen coordination among Public Works, Police, Fire, Emergency Management, and regional response partners while supporting mutual aid operations throughout North Central Texas.

The grant does not require a local funding match, allowing the City to acquire this critical emergency response asset at no cost to local taxpayers.

CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve the resolution as set forth in the caption above.