



FY 2024 DEFENSE ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT
ASSISTANCE GRANT (DEAAG) PROJECT –
RAILHEAD ENERGY RESILIENCY

RS-23-154

September 19, 2023

Background Information

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- The Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Program is an infrastructure grant program designed to assist defense communities by the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC).
 - Funding is available to local municipalities, counties, defense base development authority, junior college districts and Texas State Technical College campuses, and regional planning commissions representing these communities.
 - Funding can be used for proactive projects that will increase the military value of the installation.
 - Projects can include the purchase of Department of Defense property, new construction or rehabilitation of facilities in support of job creating projects and opportunities.

Railhead Energy Resiliency

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- On September 7, 2023, the DEAAG Review Board selected the Railhead Energy Resiliency Project as the FY 2024 DEAAG project.
- Fort Cavazos must be able to rapidly deploy and mobilize units. Fort Cavazos is one of two Army Mobilization Force Generating Installations that mobilize and deploy all Army Reserve and National Guard units.
- This project increases military value by improving the installation's deployment operations through refurbishment of a diesel locomotive to electric power for increased availability. It will reduce operations cost by 60% and maintenance cost by 40%.

Railhead Energy Resiliency, cont'd.

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- Fort Cavazos has endorsed moving forward with the Railhead Energy Resiliency Project.
- The Railhead Resiliency Project has a total cost of \$12.3M (\$7.3M local cost share & \$5M DEAAG). Local Cost Share will be covered by Fort Cavazos for this project. The City of Harker Heights as the Project Sponsor will have in kind costs for the project.
- All other local communities, including the City of Killeen, are asked to submit a resolution of support from each City Council.

Alternatives

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- ❑ Do not approve a resolution of support for the FY 2024 DEAAG Project - Railhead Energy Resiliency.
- ❑ Approve a resolution of support for the FY 2024 DEAAG Project - Railhead Energy Resiliency.

Recommendation

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City Council approve a resolution of support for the selection of Railhead Energy Resiliency as the FY 2024 DEAAG Project.