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STAFF REPORT

TO:	**City Council**
VIA:	Ritchie Haynes, City Manager
DATE:	June 4, 2026
FROM:	Scott Clark, Assistant City Manager
PREPARED BY:	Scott Clark, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT:	FEMA BRIC Grant Application (Emergency Water Interconnect)

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The City Council is requested to authorize a formal agreement with KCI Consulting to provide professional services for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant application. This funding is being sought to facilitate the construction of an emergency water interconnection with the City of Hickory.

REVIEW

Through extensive consultations with representatives from the City of Hickory, the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (***BRIC***) grant has been identified as a viable funding mechanism for the proposed emergency water interconnection. This grant program is anticipated to subsidize approximately 75% of the total project costs, which are estimated at $5 million. Consequently, both participating municipalities would be responsible for a 25% cost-share, amounting to approximately $625,000 each.

The implementation of this emergency interconnection is critical to enhancing the resiliency of our local water infrastructure and ensuring the community possesses sufficient capacity for future residential and commercial development. To maximize the probability of a successful grant award, staff proposes engaging the services of KCI, a professional engineering firm. KCI Consultants would be tasked with overseeing the comprehensive application process and the preparation of 30% preliminary design plans, as mandated by FEMA regulatory requirements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council formally approve the agreement with KCI Consulting and grant authorization for the City Manager to execute all pertinent contract documents related to both the agreement and the FEMA BRIC application.

Attachment: KCI Consulting Formal Agreement