



Base Tactical Disaster Recovery

Contract Overview

Council Request

- The City initially obtained services from Base Tactical in 2018 to assist with closeout of the 2013 FEMA flood claim. Services were obtained through CH2MHill, who was under contract with Public Works (not DOTI) regarding Federal grant funded projects.
- When COVID-19 escalated in Denver in March 2020, it was clear that specific expertise with FEMA eligibility and claims process was needed to maximize the City's recovery from the pandemic, a hazard FEMA has historically never covered.
- An initial, 3 (three) month contract with Base Tactical was executed. During this time, Risk Management was contacted by several other disaster recovery consulting firms. It was determined that Base Tactical was best suited to continue management of the City's COVID 19 FEMA claim due to their expertise and ability to embed with City teams.
- As the City's response was ongoing, the contract with Base Tactical was extended for one year (item #20-0859).
- This resolution approves a 2nd extension of the contract through 12/1/2022.

Administrative services such as this are covered \$100% by the FEMA grant.

Best Practice

- FEMA is a complicated and laborious process.
- It is best practice to work with consultants, and all mid-sized and large cities work with consultants to receive FEMA funding
- Base Tactical Disaster Recovery has been a vocal and tireless advocate for the City in pursuing funding from State and Federal sources to support the City's residents and most vulnerable populations

Value Added

- Base Tactical Disaster Recovery has been instrumental in placing the City at the ‘front of the line’ in FEMA submissions and reimbursement activity in Colorado and nationally
- Base Tactical Disaster Recovery assisted the City through the successful submission of an “Expedited Application” which had not been offered by FEMA before. This expedited process allowed the City to receive advance funding weeks to months before other competing applicants
- Base Tactical Disaster Recovery worked alongside the Risk Management team to brief city council members on the complexities of the FEMA reimbursement process this spring