

information on the availability of funding under various programs, including the Assistance to Firefighters grants and Economic Development Administration grants. In 2019, Mr. Leidl will continue to assist the City with grant opportunities.

- Arranging and participating in meetings with the Economic Development Administration in Washington.
- Continuing assisting the City in obtaining support for its Flood Mitigation program through Federal agencies and the Congressional delegation.
- Assisting the City in its efforts to obtain high-speed internet service for the community. Mr. Leidl arranged for meetings with the National Telecommunications and information Office (NTIA) to support the project. In 2019, Mr. Leidl will support the City by reviewing the RFP, obtaining additional support from the NTIA, and exploring opportunities for Federal funding for improved internet service in New Braunfels.
- Monitoring Federal Legislative and Regulatory Issues in 2019, advising of developments and representing the City's interests.
- Assisting the City in its efforts to annually visit Washington to participate in meetings with members and staff of the Congressional delegation, NTIA officials, Economic Administration officials and telecommunications counsel on Federal issues. Arranging meetings with City officials and Congressional members and staff to visit New Braunfels and tour City projects. Leidl will continue to assist the City on these efforts in FY 2019.

Mr. Leidl's guidance, support and expertise in areas such as transportation, FAA, FEMA, and the Departments of Justice, Commerce, and Energy will continue to be important and beneficial to the interests of the City.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Yes - Council Priority - Strategic Priorities:

Objective 2 - Use a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs.

Objective 2b - Pursue opportunities for state and federal grants and legislative funding for priority projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$54,000 annual retainer plus expenses budgeted from the general fund for the calendar year January 1 - December 31, 2019. This is the same amount as the current contract. Funds are included in the 2018-19 budget for this expense.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with Richard J. Leidl, P.C. for federal legislative services for the City of New Braunfels.