



**Economic Improvement Corporation
Special-Called Meeting Agenda
August 10, 2026 at 4:00 PM
City Hall, 701 Main Street, Kerrville, Texas**



CALL TO ORDER:

1. **INVOCATION:**

2. **VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM:** *Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Economic Improvement Corporation. No deliberation or action can be taken on these items because the Open Meetings Act requires an item be posted on an agenda 3 business days before the meeting. Visitors are asked to limit their presentation to three minutes.*

3. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- 3.A Resolution No. 36-2026. A Resolution by the Board of Directors of the City of Kerrville, Texas Economic Improvement Corporation moving forward with the financing of a grant project in an approximate principal amount to be determined at the meeting to retain primary jobs and setting a public hearing on the expenditure of sales tax revenues relating thereto; providing a notice of the specific project to be undertaken; approving and authorizing the publication of a notice of the public hearing relating to these matters; and approving other matters in connection therewith. (M Hornes, Assistant City Manager)

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *EIC may, as permitted by law, adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any matter listed above if items meet the qualifications in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. EIC also reserves the right to meet in executive session on the following issue(s):*

5. **ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY.**

6. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** *EIC may suggest items or topics for future agendas.*

ADJOURN.

The facility is wheelchair accessible, and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this event. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 830-258-1118 for further information. I hereby certify that this agenda was posted as notice of the meeting on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Kerrville, Texas, and on the City's website on the following date and time: 8/4/2026 at 3:30 p.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of the meeting.

Kesha Franchina, TRMC

Kesha Franchina, TRMC, Deputy City Secretary, City of Kerrville, Texas



**TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT
CORPORATION
CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS**

CAPTION: Resolution No. 36-2026. A Resolution by the Board of Directors of the City of Kerrville, Texas Economic Improvement Corporation moving forward with the financing of a grant project in an approximate principal amount to be determined at the meeting to retain primary jobs and setting a public hearing on the expenditure of sales tax revenues relating thereto; providing a notice of the specific project to be undertaken; approving and authorizing the publication of a notice of the public hearing relating to these matters; and approving other matters in connection therewith. (M Hornes, Assistant City Manager)

AGENDA DATE: August 10, 2026

DATE SUBMITTED: 08/04/2026

SUBMITTED BY:

EXHIBITS:

1. Resolution No. 36-2026 Financing of a Grant Project
2. GEM GLOBAL Summary Sheet

Expenditure:
Account Number:
Payment to/Vendor
name:

Amount Budgeted:
Account Balance:

Kerrville 2050 Item?
Yes

Key Priority Area:
E – Economic Development

SUMMARY:

Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) is a nonprofit disaster relief and recovery organization that has been actively assisting Kerr County following the floods through emergency response, long-term recovery, and business assistance efforts. Since the disaster, GEM has established a regional warehouse and logistics hub, coordinated the distribution of relief supplies and construction materials, and worked directly with local businesses, community organizations, and recovery partners to identify and address unmet recovery needs. In consultation with KerrEDC and the Long Term Recovery Group subcommittee on Business Recovery, the recommendation is to place the funds with GEM.

The proposed project would allow the Kerrville Economic Improvement Corporation to participate in GEM's ongoing recovery efforts by providing grant funding for building

materials to assist eligible flood-impacted small businesses located within the Kerrville city limits. The EIC's participation is limited to funding construction materials and is intended to help address unmet rebuilding needs not otherwise covered by insurance or other assistance programs. GEM will facilitate these grants through their established intake, verification, and case management process to identify eligible businesses, document disaster-related impacts, and ensure that building materials are distributed to verified projects in a transparent and accountable manner.

Approval of Resolution No. 36-2026 authorizes the Kerrville Economic Improvement Corporation to move forward with the statutory process for considering a grant agreement with Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) to support its business disaster recovery initiative. Following approval, notice of a public hearing will be published, and the EIC Board may consider the proposed grant agreement at a public hearing held no sooner than 30 days after the date of the first publication. The earliest this could take place will be at the regularly scheduled EIC meeting in September. If approved by the EIC Board, the agreement will then be forwarded to the Kerrville City Council for ratification. In accordance with Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code, the project will also be subject to a 60-day protest period following the first publication in the paper. The proposed project is intended to accelerate the reopening of local businesses, preserve jobs, restore essential services, and strengthen the long-term economic recovery and resilience of the Kerrville and Kerr County community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Determine a funding amount and approve resolution 26-2026.

**CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS
ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
RESOLUTION NO. 36-2026**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION MOVING FORWARD WITH THE FINANCING OF A GRANT PROJECT IN THE APPROXIMATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$_____.00 TO RETAIN PRIMARY JOBS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE EXPENDITURE OF SALES TAX REVENUES RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING A NOTICE OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO THESE MATTERS; AND APPROVING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Kerrville, Texas (the "City") was authorized and has acted pursuant to the provisions of Section 4B, as amended, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated Article 5190.6, now codified in Chapter 505, Texas Local Government Code, as amended, which includes the general provisions related thereto in Chapter 501, Texas Local Government Code, as amended (together, the "Act"), to create a nonprofit economic development corporation, known as the City of Kerrville, Texas Economic Development Corporation (the "Corporation"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the "Council"), authorized the calling of an election to be held on May 6, 1995 the (the "Election") concerning authorization to levy a one-half (1/2) of a percent (1%) additional sales and use tax (the "Sales Tax") for the Corporation to undertake projects within the City in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the residents of the City approved the levy of the Sales Tax at the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Council, pursuant to a resolution adopted on July 11, 1995 (the "Creation Resolution"), approved the creation of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, The Council approved the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation on July 11, 1995 (the Articles), establishing the organization and corporate existence of the corporation, which specify the Corporation is organized to act on behalf of the City, may issue bonds on behalf of the City, and expend the proceeds of any sales and use tax levied for the benefit of the Corporation, for the promotion and development of commercial, industrial, and manufacturing enterprises to promote and encourage employment and to promote public welfare; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1999, the Council approved the Corporation's Articles of Amendment to specify that the Corporation's Board of Directors (the "Board") can serve on staggered two-year terms; and

WHEREAS, in the Creation Resolution, the Council authorized the Corporation to act on its behalf for the benefit and accomplishment of the public purposes, being economic development and other purposes as further described in the Act and the Articles, for which the Corporation is organized; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Corporation has been budgeting and otherwise using the Sales Tax for authorized purposes with the approval of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to participate in "projects," as defined in the Act, including any project that the board of directors in the board's discretion determines promotes or develops new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs as provided by Section 505.155 of the Act, but not limited to the creation of a grant program through Global Empowerment Mission, Inc. to provide grants of building materials to rebuild businesses damaged by the July 16, 2026 flood (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of the Act, including Section 501.073(a) of the Act, require the Council's approval of all programs and expenditures of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Section 505.159 of the Act provides that the Corporation shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed Project before spending money to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 505.160 of the Act provides that before the Corporation may undertake any projects, the Corporation must publish notice of the specific project or type of general project that the Corporation intends to undertake; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interests of the residents of the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION THAT:

SECTION ONE. A public hearing on the expenditure of Corporation funds for the purposes of financing the "costs" associated with certain "projects," as defined in the Act, including (i) expenditures that are found by the EIC to be required or suitable to promotes or develops new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs as provided by Section 505.155 of the Act as provided by Section 505.155 of the Act but not limited to, promotes or develops new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs as provided by Section 505.155 of the Act, but not limited to the creation of a grant program in the amount of \$_____

to be administered through Global Empowerment Mission, Inc. to provide grants of building materials to rebuild businesses damaged by the July 16, 2026 flood, which project is in accordance with Section 505.155, shall be and is hereby directed to be held at 4:00 P.M. on September 15, 2026, at City Hall Council Chambers, 701 Main Street, Kerrville, Texas 78028.

SECTION TWO. The Secretary of the Board, or the City Secretary, is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such public hearing, substantially in the form and content of Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Resolution for all purposes (the "Notice"), to be posted on the City's website and published in one or more newspapers having a general circulation in the City with the publication of such notice to appear in such newspaper prior to the date of the public hearing. The City Manager, Finance Director, and City Secretary of the City, and Secretary of the Board (or any persons serving on an interim basis or in an acting capacity) are each individually authorized to make changes to the Notice as necessary prior to its publication and posting.

SECTION THREE. The Notice and public hearing shall also satisfy the requirements of the Act by providing notice of the specific project or types of general projects that the Corporation intends to undertake.

SECTION FOUR. The Corporation authorizes the President and Secretary of the Board, the City Secretary, or their designees, to take any and all other actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Act, including the expenditure of any and all professional fees and expenses related thereto.

SECTION FIVE. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Corporation.

SECTION SIX. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

SECTION SEVEN. This Resolution shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION EIGHT. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION NINE. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice

of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION TEN. This Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS THE ____th day of August A.D., 2026.

Celeste Hamman, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:



William L. Tatsch, Attorney for the EIC

Kesha Franchina, Secretary

(Corporation Seal)

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO UNDERTAKE PROJECT BY CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Kerrville, Texas Economic Improvement Corporation (the “Corporation”) created by the City of Kerrville, Texas (the “City”) intends to participate in “projects,” as defined in the Development Corporation Act of 1979, as amended, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated Article 5190.6, now codified as Chapter 505, as amended, Texas Local Government Code, including any project that promotes or develops new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs as provided by Section 505.155 of the Act, which project is in accordance with subsection 505.155 but not limited to the creation of a grant program through Global Empowerment Mission, Inc. to provide grants of building materials to rebuild businesses damaged by the July 16, 2026 flood. It is estimated the total expenditure of those projects will be \$_____,000.00. A public hearing on the expenditure for funds for this project will be held by the Board of Directors of the City of Kerrville, Texas Economic Improvement Corporation during a meeting to be held at 4:00 P.M. on September 15, 2026, at City Hall Council Chambers, 701 Main Street, Kerrville, Texas 78028.

Kesha Franchina, Secretary to the
Board
City of Kerrville, Economic
Improvement Corporation

Relieve. Restore. Empower.

Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) delivers rapid disaster relief worldwide. Within hours of a crisis, we provide food, water, medical aid, and shelter through our global warehouses. Nearly 98% of donations go directly to relief, ensuring life-saving support reaches those who need it most.



OUR THREE-PHASE RESPONSE

Phase 1: Immediate Response

GEM mobilizes within hours of a disaster, delivering critical aid such as food, water, hygiene kits, medical supplies, cash cards, and conducting emergency extractions and relocations.

Phase 2: The Gap Period

We fill the crucial window between initial response and large-scale recovery by continuing to provide supplies, logistical support, and financial assistance when traditional aid systems are delayed.

Phase 3: Sustainable Development

GEM stays long after the headlines fade—restoring homes, hospitals, and schools; providing temporary housing; creating jobs; implementing education programs; and building strategic partnerships to support long-term recovery.

GEM's focus on preparedness allows teams to quickly mobilize during global disasters and crises in the first 48 hours.



SMART PARTNERSHIPS



SCALABLE LOGISTICS



LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY SUPPORT



EXTRAORDINARY VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

When disaster strikes, GEM leverages pre-positioned resources and global branches to deliver critical aid within the first 48–72 hours through established distribution networks.

389 DISASTER MISSION TRIPS	\$781,532,266 IN AID & SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED		77 COUNTRIES SERVED
624 CONTAINERS SENT	15,675 TRUCKS WITH AID SENT	194 CARGO PLANES WITH AID	41 FULL SHIPS OF AID SENT
586,000,000+ MEALS PROVIDED	251,000 LIGHT AND MEDIUM CONSTRUCTION REPAIRS	60,000,000+ LITERS OF WATER DISTRIBUTED	
742 HOMES REPAIRED	15 SCHOOLS REBUILT	7 CLINICS & HOSPITALS REPAIRED	52 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
6.9 M IN P.P.E. ITEMS DISTRIBUTED		55,000+ EVACUATIONS & EXTRACTIONS	

