



**Request:** The City of Gustine (City) is seeking \$ 4,000,000 in funding to design and construct the rehabilitation improvements to improve accessibility, functionality, and enhance aesthetics for the Downtown Corridor.

**Description:** The City ‘s Downtown Core stretches from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue on “Main Street” (5th Street) and define the project limits for the Downtown Revitalization Project. The improvements being proposed consist of the rehabilitation of the roadway within 2 city blocks and intersection rehabilitation improvements at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersections. Other project improvements include the replacement of sidewalk, curb, and gutter with ADA compliant facilities to improve pedestrian accessibility mobility through the project limits. The existing facilities have a variety of tripping hazards, large existing curbs with 12" step heights, and crossing facilities that need to be updated to improve safety. The proposed project is a companion project to other improvement projects the City is currently is designing and preparing to construct with in the Downtown Corridor.

**Necessity:** The City of Gustine is a disadvantaged small-rural community with a heavy agricultural influence and limited industry located on the West side of Merced County. The City has a small amount of available resources and a limited tax base to pull funding from and when possible, uses these funds to leverage other outside funding sources to complete projects.

The downtown corridor is the City’s primary commercial center. The corridor is in severe need of rehabilitation as no major infrastructure upgrades have been made to this area in the past 40 years. The corridor needs drainage improvements and complete streets improvements that will update the facilities to accommodate all forms of transportation. The lack of improvements to the downtown corridor has made economic vitality for small businesses in the downtown difficult. Without improvements to the corridor, Gustine runs the risk of losing businesses severely reducing access to vital goods and services. The magnitude of the project is such that without an outside funding source, the City will have a difficult time funding it solely with available resources and as a result this project and its improvements may not be able to be implemented in a timely manner.

**Beneficiaries:**

- City of Gustine Residents, Visitors, and Businesses
- Highway Travelers
- Commerce and Goods Transportation

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