

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	14747	Agenda Number	26.
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Meeting Date:	5/24/2012	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing execution of a contract agreement (with a temporary five-year conservation easement) for grant funds from the Texas Historical Commission for award of \$7,600 to rehabilitate the roof on a historic building in the City of Austin’s Oakwood Cemetery Annex; accepting \$7,600 in grant funds from the Texas Historical Commission, and amending the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Planning and Development Review Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20110912-005) to appropriate \$7,600 to rehabilitate the roof on a historic building in the City of Austin’s Oakwood Cemetery Annex.

Amount and Source of Funding

The total grant amount of \$7,600 will be provided from a FY 2012 Certified Local Government Grant from the Texas Historical Commission. The required \$7,622 in local match will be provided as \$4,412 cash match from Save Austin’s Cemeteries and a minimum of \$3,210 in-kind contributions, comprising donation of labor from Save Austin’s Cemeteries and donation of staff time for project management from the City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Jerry Rusthoven, 974-3207.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City's Historic Preservation Office applied for and was awarded a FY 2012 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant from the Texas Historical Commission in the amount of \$5,055, then was notified that an additional \$2,545 could be awarded to the project. CLG grants provide funding to participating city and county governments to develop and sustain effective local preservation programs critical to preserving local historic resources. This grant provides funding to rehabilitate the roof on a historic building in the City of Austin's Oakwood Cemetery Annex. The Cemetery Annex is a City of Austin Historic Landmark, and is a contributing building in the Oakwood Cemetery Annex National Register Historic District.

The project is a joint effort between the City of Austin's Historic Preservation Office, the Parks & Recreation Department and Save Austin's Cemeteries, a local non-profit 501(c)(3) group that has been active since 2004 in preserving the history and features of Austin's cemeteries. The Parks & Recreation Department (PAR) will hire a qualified roofing contractor to perform the rehabilitation work. The required \$7,622 in local match will be provided as in-kind and cash contributions from Save Austin's Cemeteries and PAR staff time.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funding to this grant. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

The grant requires a conveyance of a temporary 5 year conservation easement to the Texas Historical Commission in consideration for receiving the grant funds, which are appropriated from the Historic Preservation Fund's Certified Local Government Grant Program administered by the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior.