

CIP BUDGET EXPENSE DETAIL

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

8/22/13
Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Facilities Commission wherein the City will accept custodial possession of the Juneteenth Memorial Monument to be on displayed on the East grounds of the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina Street, Austin Texas. The estimated project budget for the construction is \$100,000.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Project Name:	Juneteenth Memorial Monument
Project Authorization:	2012-2013 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	PARD CIP - PLD
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8720 8607 8619

Current Budget	100,000
Unencumbered Balance	100,000
This Action	(100,000)
Estimated Available	<u>0</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Juneteenth memorial monuments are owned by the State of Texas and are currently in possession and control of the Texas Facilities Commission who at the request of the Honorable Sylvester Turner, State Representative and direction of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus (TLBC) will cede custodianship of the monuments to the City of Austin for a period of 99 years. Upon Council approval and execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Facilities Commission and City Austin, the Juneteenth Monument will be installed on the East (hillside) grounds of the City of Austin, George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center as a fitting tribute and proper display of the monuments. Further, at the request of TLBC, the City of Austin will share responsibility for the ongoing care and protection of the monuments and memorial grounds with the Austin Chapter of the Links Incorporated, a local non-profit organization through a separate agreement.

The Juneteenth Memorial Monument was created by the former Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission in 2005. The monument is comprised of five greater than life size bronze statues artistically named the Farmer, the Daughter, the Woman, the Preacher and the Lawmaker, collectively valued at ~\$1M.

Austin Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the City accept custodianship of the Juneteenth Memorial Monument, as they will serve as a proud and valuable addition to the Carver Museum whose signature and permanent exhibit is on the history of Juneteenth. The City of Austin fully embraces and actively celebrates the historical significance of Juneteenth, an annual holiday celebration that commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when Texas finally received news from the Union soldiers that the war had ended and news of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation declaring slavery had officially ended in the United States on January 1, 1863.