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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	47183	Agenda Number	31.
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Meeting Date:	6/18/2015	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to accept and appropriate \$20,000 in grant funds from the National Recreation and Park Association; and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20140908-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$20,000 from the Austin Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for renovation of the Battle Bend Neighborhood Park Sport Court.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$20,000 is available from the National Recreation and Park Association.

Fiscal Note

Fiscal notes are attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) is currently working with neighborhood residents and park users on plans for the renovation of Battle Bend Neighborhood Park (BBNP). This five-acre park is home to an outdoor basketball court, which is heavily used by players of all ages, particularly in evenings and on weekends. A rudimentary lighting system was installed in the late 1990's to help extend play hours into the cooler evening hours. PAR was awarded a grant from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) that will provide funding to upgrade the backboards and rims, color coat and stripe the courts, provide benches for seating, and provide a new, high-efficiency athletic-grade lighting system.

The basketball court in BBNP is not currently programmed for league play under an athletics program, but provides

for informal play on a first come, first served basis. The BBNP basketball court is a very popular place for pick-up games for youth and adult play. This NRPA Grant will provide funding for functional and aesthetic improvements, while enhancing the amenity for players and spectators alike. The provision of accessible sidewalks, areas for spectator viewing, along with enhanced picnicking opportunities and nearby playground improvements that will be implemented under a separate contract, will compliment the proposed basketball court improvements.

PARD is proceeding with a set of improvements at BBNP, including playscape renovation, a multi-purpose play field, trail and sidewalk connectivity, and other landscape enhancements. PARD lacks sufficient funding in the current budget to renovate the basketball court. This grant funding will be leveraged with the existing funding to proceed with a renovation to the existing basketball court. The NRPA Grant was approved by neighbors and users of the basketball court and received more votes than the other two PARD projects that were nominated for the NRPA Grant. PARD is seeking council approval to accept this one-time \$20,000 NRPA Grant.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, PARD's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.