

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: 021

Parks and Recreation

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$49,368 in grant funds from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate \$49,368 to provide funding for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Project.

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation Department
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$49,368 is available from Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. A City in-kind 50% match of \$24,684 is required. A fiscal note is attached.
For More Information	Vera Labriola, Business Process Specialist, (512)974-6716; John Nixon, Acting Assistant Director, (512) 974-2464, Suzanne Piper, Division Manager, (512) 974-6753.

Additional Backup Information:

The Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Project is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities. This is achieved by providing funds for programs to service the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) Senior Transportation Program provides transportation to pre-qualified persons with the goal of enhancing quality of life and promoting

independence for persons 60 years or older residing in the Austin City Limits. Three types of transportation are offered 1.) Regular Routes/Lunch Program is a free service that provides reliable service from the patron's door to nearest congregate meal lunch locations and back home again. 2.) Reserve-a /Ride is a door-to-door service to and from the requested destination within Austin city limits for a fee of \$6.00 roundtrip. 3.) Group Travel (at least 7 riders) is offered to destinations within the Austin city limits for \$6 roundtrip per rider.

The proposed grant will provide partial funding for the PARD Senior Transportation Unit. This agreement will cover the service period from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019. The grant budget includes the purchase of new vans to replace existing vehicles, which no longer meet the needs of the fleet. The required 50% matching funds will be met by providing department budgeted fuel, vehicle maintenance, and staff salaries.

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.