

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: September 20, 2018

Item Number: **062**

Non-Consent

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Park Urban Grant Program for the Barton Springs Pool Bathhouse Rehabilitation.

District(s) Affected: District 8

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation Department
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount up to \$1,000,000 is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department to meet the City's matching requirement of \$1,000,000.
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Additional Backup Information:

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) received \$1.95 million in funding through the 2012 General Obligation Bond program to rehabilitate the Barton Springs Pool Bathhouse. The Barton Springs Conservancy has contributed a further \$350,000. The project will address improvements recommended by the Barton Springs Pool Master Plan (2008) and developed further in the Zilker Park Bathhouse Zone Feasibility Study (2016). These include improvements

to access/egress, repairs of plumbing and drainage, and rehabilitation of public spaces to better serve increasing demands on the facility. PARD seeks to leverage the existing funding as the team proceeds toward a final design.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Park Urban Grant Program assists communities of over 500,000 people with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas. The Program provides 50% matching grants (up to \$1,000,000) on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants.

According to guidelines set forth by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in their grant application process, PARD seeks City Council authorization to apply to the Local Park Urban Grant Program for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding for the Barton Springs Pool Bathhouse Rehabilitation.

The grant application requires the City to hold a public hearing that complies with the Texas Open Meeting Act before the application can be submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. At this hearing the governing body must pass the resolution authorizing application submission. There must be an opportunity for public comment. This Resolution is therefore posted on the Council's non-consent agenda to ensure the hearing and the opportunity for public comment. The deadline for PARD to submit this application is October 1, 2018.