



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1211, **Agenda Item #:** 15.

3/7/2019

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to sign an agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for an Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant in the amount of \$750,000.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department

Fiscal Note

A 100% match is required by the grant. The 2012 General Obligation Bond provides the matching funds, in the amount of \$750,000, as part of the projects developed under the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach Master Plan.

Prior Council Action:

September 11, 2018-Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2019 budget with staff amendments by a motion made by Council Member Houston and seconded by Council Member Flannigan. Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant funds in the amount of \$750,000 were appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) applied to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for \$750,000 in Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) grant funds for Edward Rendon Sr. Metro Park and was awarded the funds in March 2018. These funds were appropriated into the 2019 Fiscal Year budget.

The ORLP grant is a nationally competitive grant funded through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. Its purpose is to leverage local funds and support for creating new outdoor recreational opportunities targeting economically disadvantaged neighborhoods with an emphasis on projects having an economic benefit, particularly for short and long-term job creation. The City has received the maximum program award.

The City's ORLP funds will cover 50% of the project costs for a portion of Phase 1 park improvements, which are guided by the recommendations of the Holly Shores/Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach Master Plan, approved by City Council in 2014. Phase 1 improvements encompass the following scope of work:

- Earthwork, pedestrian trails, overlook, retaining walls, vehicular circulation and parking, site utilities, restroom, shade cover, site amenities, playground equipment, picnic facilities, and mural restoration.

The City cannot expend the awarded funds until Council adopts a resolution authorizing Sara Hensley, Director of PARD, to act for the City in working with TPWD for purposes of the grant, to sign the agreement, and to provide TPWD with written assurance that the completed project will be adequately maintained for its intended use, in accordance with state and federal requirements.