



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1625, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

5/9/2019

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to sign an agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$200,000 for Slaughter Creek Greenbelt Equestrian Trail..

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

On January 29, 2015, Council adopted Resolution No. 20150129-008 authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), seeking a recreational trails grant in the amount of \$200,000.

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Additional Backup Information:

On January 16, 2018, TPWD awarded the Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) a Recreational Trails Grant for Slaughter Creek Greenbelt Equestrian Trail in the amount of \$200,000. The grant term ends on June 30, 2022.

The TPWD Recreational Trails Grant is administered under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration through the National Recreational Trails Fund. Funding for this program comes from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. Funding can be used for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects, including the construction of new recreational trails, improvement of existing trails, development of trailheads or trailside facilities, and the acquisition of trail corridors.

The City will use its Recreational Trails Grant award for the Slaughter Creek Greenbelt Equestrian Trail for the following scope of work:

- Construction of a 2.1-mile equestrian/multi-purpose trail connecting an existing equestrian/multi-purpose trail at Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park to newly acquired parkland along the Slaughter Creek Greenbelt.
- The trail will have a minimum 10-foot-wide tread, as recommended by the USDA Equestrian Design Guidebook, a vertical clearance of at least 10 feet, and a horizontal clearance of 2-3 feet, with a sight distance goal of 100 feet.

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- Trail alignment and design will preserve and protect, to the greatest extent possible, the surrounding ecosystem, and will feature parking and staging areas, mounting blocks and mounting ramps, directional signage, kiosks, interpretive signage, corrals, bike racks, picnic facilities, water for horses, and hitching posts.

The 2015 resolution authorizes Sara Hensley, Director of PARD, to act on behalf of the City for the purposes of the TPWD Recreational Trails Grant, including executing the grant agreement and providing TPWD with written assurance that the completed project will be adequately maintained for its intended use, in accordance with State and federal requirements.