



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1935, **Agenda Item #:** 35.

6/20/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of up to \$50,000 in grant funds from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to appropriate these grant funds for outdoor outreach and inclusive programming for underserved youth, teens, adults and seniors at the Camacho Activity Center.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. A City funding match is not required; however, the department will demonstrate up to \$100,000 of in-kind services via use of existing staff hours and costs for vehicle rental and maintenance. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

On December 13, 2018, Council approved a resolution by a vote of 8-0 authorizing the city manager to apply for up to \$50,000 in funding from the Texas Parks and Recreation Department's Community Outdoor Outreach Program for outdoor outreach and programming that includes underserved youth, teens, adults, and seniors at the Camacho Activity Center.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Camacho Activity Center provides outdoor outreach and inclusive programs for underserved youth, teens, adults and seniors. The Activity Center utilizes budgeted funds to operate and maintain a large fleet of bicycles, kayaks, and camping and climbing gear. Grant funding was sought, from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), to replace aging and broken equipment and to provide ongoing maintenance.

The TPWD's Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant provides funding to local governments and non-profit organizations for programming that introduces underserved populations to environmental and conservation programs, as well as TPWD mission-oriented outdoor activities. The CO-OP program provides up to \$50,000 on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants.

Following approval on December 13, 2018, of an ordinance by Council authorizing the city manager to apply for the grant program, PARD staff submitted a full proposal on February 1, 2019. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issued a letter on May 1, 2019, notifying PARD that the CO-OP grant application for Camacho Youth/Teen Outreach was approved in the amount of \$50,000. PARD will receive funding on a reimbursement basis. Matching funds are not required; however, the City will demonstrate a match of up to \$100,000 in staff

hours and cost for vehicle rental and maintenance.

The approval of this ordinance by Council will authorize the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to accept the \$50,000 grant award issued by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, expend funds, and submit reimbursement requests to TPWD for up to \$50,000.

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