

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

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REQUEST: What is the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program grant as discussed on page 467 in the FY 2019 proposed budget?

RESPONSE:

The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program grant is funding that the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) applied for in 2016 to help implement capital improvements at the Edward Rendon Sr. Park at Festival Beach. The grantor awarded the maximum amount, and requires a 1 to 1 match (\$750,000 from PARD to match the \$750,000 grant). PARD has funding available through the 2012 Bond Program to meet the requisite match. The grant is a federal pass-through from the National Park Service to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The grantor targeted projects that would acquire and/or develop public land for outdoor recreation to serve neighborhoods and communities that are underserved in terms of parks and recreation resources and where the population reflects a significant number of people who are economically disadvantaged, minority, and/or youth. Phase I improvements are currently being implemented with 2012 G. O. Bond funds and funding from local partners (The Trail Foundation and the Austin Parks Foundations). The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program grant will be used to continue funding the Phase I priority improvements within the 9.3 acres of the industrial and brownfield site according to the Council-approved master plan.