

**2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**REQUEST NO.:** 118

**REQUESTED BY:** Alter

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**REQUEST:** For what use was the Parks Special Events Fund and is the fund continuing in FY 2019?

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**RESPONSE:**

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Special Events Fund was to account for revenue the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) received from special events and the corresponding Grounds Maintenance Division expenses associated with those events. The Grounds Maintenance Division, however, must provide year-round maintenance to parks in order keep Austin's outdoor spaces ready to host special events, and it was impracticable to identify the expenses directly attributable to these events. As such, this fund will not be budgeted in FY 2019. Instead, special event revenue and expenses will be accounted for in the General Fund.