

AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 27**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$45,000 in additional grant funds from the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$45,000 for a total grant amount of \$105,000 for the Summer Food Program for children participating in PARD summer programming.

Amount and Source of Funding: Additional funding in the amount of \$45,000 is available from the Texas Department of Agriculture. The grant period is June 8, 2009 through August 31, 2009.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Angela Means, Division Manager, 974-6712

Prior Council Action: Approval of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget on September 8, 2008

The purpose of the Summer Food Program is to provide nutritious midday meals to children participating in summer programs at various City Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) sites. This program year, over 35,000 meals are expected to be served at eighteen playground sites during the summer months. The Food and Nutrition Division of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) allocates funds for the implementation of this program.

The TDA has awarded PARD a formula-based, three-year grant to serve meals to children at playground sites during the summer months. The current approved appropriation in the 2008-2009 budget is \$60,000. However, due to a higher than expected reimbursement rate and an increase in the number of meals served, the total reimbursement received from TDA, will be \$105,000, which is an increase of \$45,000.

No increases in performance are anticipated due to the receipt of the additional funds.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to the submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.