CIP BUDGET Expense Detail

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

10/3/13 Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department's application for up to \$500,000 in grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Boating Access Grant to improve facilities and resources at Walsh Boat Landing and committing to providing matching funds, as required.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Project Name: Project Authorization:	Facility Renovations & Improvements 2013-2014 Capital Budget
Funding Source:	GO Bonds-2012
Fund/Dept/Unit:	8114 8607 A075
Current Budget	2,000,000
Unencumbered Balance	0
This Action	(125,000)
Estimated Available	1,875,000

ANALYSIS / **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**: The City of Austin, Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) is fully eligible to receive assistance under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Boating Access Grant Program. In order to apply for this grant, TPWD requires that the City Council approve this resolution acknowledging their awareness and approval of PARD's application.

By this action the City Council will authorize PARD to file a grant application for \$500, 000 with the TPWD for this Boating Access Grant. The City will match 25% of all granted funds.

If granted, funding will be used to improve Walsh Boat Landing in the City of Austin, Travis County for use as a park. Walsh Boat Landing is dedicated for public park and recreational purposes in perpetuity.

The authorized official to represent and act for the City in dealing with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department concerning this program shall be Sara Hensley, Director of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

A copy of the grant application will be submitted to the Capital Area Council of Governments Texas Review and Comment System (TRACS) before submission to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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