

# OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

5/22/14

**CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):**

Parks and Recreation

**FUND:**

Special Revenue

**SUBJECT:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$10,000 in grant funds from the National Recreation and Park Association; and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate an additional \$10,000 for the Grow Your Park project.

**CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:**

|                               | 2013-14<br>Approved | This<br>Action | 2013-14<br>Amended |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Special Revenue Fund          |                     |                |                    |
| Grow Your Park Project        |                     |                |                    |
| Grant Period: 05/2014-12/2014 | 0                   | 10,000         | 10,000             |
| Total                         | 0                   | 10,000         | 10,000             |
| FTEs                          | 0.00                | 0.00           | 0.00               |

**FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:**

|                    | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Revenue      | 10,000  | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Total Expenditures | 10,000  | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Net Impact         | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |

**ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department's Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Gardens Program (SUACG) has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for the Grow Your Park Grant. PARD applied for funding specifically for professional engineering services because each community garden needs a sealed, professionally engineered drawing of a water tap plan, which has been a prohibitively expensive requirement for many gardens to meet. We estimate that we should be able to fund professional engineering services for up to five new community gardens on city land.

The purpose of this request is to support the community gardens on city land by funding one of the most expensive components of the construction process – the professional engineering services for the required water tap plan. Community garden members fund the majority of new community garden construction, and often partner with the Austin Parks Foundation, the Neighborhood Partnering Program, the Sustainable Food Center, or other donors to increase funding. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.