

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	39686	Agenda Number	8.
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Meeting Date:	1/29/2015	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the City to apply for up to \$200,000 in grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Recreational Trail Grant Program to provide a new equestrian trail located in the Southpark Meadows Greenbelt.

Amount and Source of Funding

Grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The City match will be 20% of the total project cost. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department to meet matching requirements.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City recently acquired property along Slaughter Creek that includes a historic house, stables, and a spring fed pond. This property was once a stopping point for the Pony Express along the El Camino Real Trail. The South Park Meadows Greenbelt connects this property to Mary Moore Seawright Park and existing equestrian trails.

PARD is proposing the extension of the only authorized equestrian trail system on parkland in the City of Austin to a new park property that will act as a trailhead, stables and reservable facility for equestrian and other activities. The project would include signage, stopping points, and gathering areas for the trail system. This trail extension will also be a future connection to the planned Onion Creek regional trail system. The total project cost could be up to \$250,000. PARC will provide up to a \$50,000 match with Parkland Dedication funds.