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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	41455	Agenda Number	7.
Meeting Date:	3/12/2015			Department:	Parks and Recreation
Subject					
Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to accept grant funds in the amount of \$725,000 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20140908-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$725,000 from the Austin Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for the development of phase 1 of the Colony Park District Park.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the amount of \$725,000. The \$725,000 required match will be provided by 2012 G.O. Bond Proposition 14 and Parkland Dedication.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	On August 7, 2014 Council authorized the grant application as required by the Grantor (Resolution No. 20140807-045).				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
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Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>This item seeks council approval to accept and appropriate \$725,000 in grant funds from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to begin design and construction of outdoor park amenities, including a baseball field, a multi-use sports field, playscapes, picnic areas, and drinking fountains. The grant requires the city to provide matching funds. The matching funds for this grant include general obligation bond funds and parkland dedication fees.</p> <p>Colony District Park consists of approximately 92 acres. It includes the Turner Roberts Recreation Center and Multi-Use Facilities, built by the city, but the city has yet to develop outdoor amenities. The parkland is adjacent to the Overton Elementary School and 208 acres of property belonging to the City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. All of the city-owned land was part of a one year master plan process through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant.</p> <p>The goal of the initiative was to create a master plan which integrates and reflects the needs and interests of the surrounding community, while incorporating best practices for a sustainable development. The HUD grant concludes with rezoning, engineering for subdivision and site planning, infrastructure construction plans, and architectural design guidelines for new sustainable residential and commercial development, and the Master Plan for Colony Park. The Master Plan for Colony Park was approved by council as part of the Colony Park Planned Unit Development on December 11, 2014.</p>					

The first phase of development for Colony District Park will include funding from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program with funding from 2012 G.O. Bond Proposition 14 and Parkland Dedication funds as the city match. Park amenities under this phase one development will include a baseball field, multi-use sports field, nature-based playscapes, picnic pavilion, picnic tables, drinking fountains, hike and bike trails, site furnishings, and signage.