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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	51159	Agenda Number	17.
Meeting Date:	10/15/2015		Department:	Parks and Recreation
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20150908-001) to accept grant funds in the amount of \$30,000 from the Austin Community Foundation's Nelson Puett Youth Football Grant Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$30,000 from the Austin Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for a new multi-purpose field at the Dove Springs Recreation Center.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available from the Austin Community Foundation in the amount of \$30,000. There is no required match.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

This project consists of the renovation of approximately 2 ½ acres (100,000 square feet) of existing parkland for the development of a multi-purpose, natural grass playfield. The existing parkland area is generally flat, well-drained, publicly accessible, and free of trees or other surface development. Work would include site stripping and rough grading, soil amendment, fine grading, the provision of an underground, automated irrigation system, sod placement (hybrid Bermuda grass for sports fields), and a period of where the turf grows in and gets established. Indirect project costs include environmental controls, project design and project management costs. The resulting improvement will provide a resilient, safe, and sustainable play surface for a variety of field sports, including football. The field location is linked to other park uses, parking areas, and public rights-of-way by existing walking paths.

The field is located at Dove Springs Recreation Center in the 78744 zip code of Austin. The Dove Springs Recreation center already has a viable flag football program participating in the undeveloped field that is being considered for improvements. The development of this field space would provide southeast Austin with a safe and maintained space for football programming.

This project will not be just a one-time impact. The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) would maintain this field and design programs to take place on this field for generations to come. PARD will use the proposed field as a hub in South Austin for football games, practices, and camps. PARD seeks to improve the quality of life of our participants through intentionally structured programs, one of those programs being football.