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## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	51943	Agenda Number	41.
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Meeting Date:	11/19/2015	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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## Subject

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 \$849,518; amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-002) to transfer in and appropriate \$849,518 from the Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for the development of Waterloo Neighborhood Park.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the amount of \$849,518. Funding for the \$849,518 required match is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20150305-015 authorized the grant application as required by the Grantor.
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## Additional Backup Information

The City is working in partnership with the Waller Creek Conservancy on the redevelopment of the Waller Creek District as formalized through the Joint Development Agreement between the Waller Creek Conservancy, the City of Austin, and the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation. That agreement was authorized by Council June 20, 2013 pursuant to Ordinance No. 20130620-021. The redevelopment of this dynamic downtown district is made possible in part due to the Waller Creek Tunnel project. This project, when complete, will allow for both private and public re-investment along this urban creek corridor.

The vision for Waller Creek District was established in 2012 through a design competition, through which Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. and Thomas Phifer and Partners were selected and approved by Council as the design team for the corridor. Implementation of the vision for this area, approved by Council June 20, 2013, is now reviewed by the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation. This Corporation was established by Council pursuant to Resolution No. 20110428-014.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program is available to cities and counties with populations over 500,000 for the acquisition and development of parkland. The timeframe of the grant is three years with an anticipated start date of October 1, 2015, to align with the City's annual budget process, although the actual start date of the grant is contingent upon TPWD review and award. The City was recently awarded \$849,518 from TPWD for the Local Park Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Program with a match of \$829,518 from the 2012 General Obligation Bond Program under Proposition 14 for Parks.

Leveraging this \$849,518 grant funding from TPWD with other City funding sources and private funding from the Waller Creek Conservancy will help complete an early phase of improvements within the Waller Creek District, specifically targeting a set of improvements in Waterloo Neighborhood Park.

This RCA seeks Council approval to accept and appropriate the grant funding from TPWD. The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Parks and Recreation Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.