

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: March 22, 2018

Item Number: 008

Budget

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Historic Preservation Fund Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate up to \$5,293,991; and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budgets of City Departments including the Parks and Recreation Department, the Austin Transportation Department, and the Austin Public Library Department (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to transfer in and appropriate these funds for allowable historic restoration and preservation projects or activities as reflected in the Texas Tax Code Section 351.101(a)(5) which authorizes hotel occupancy tax to be used for historic restoration projects and activities that promote tourism and the convention industry and that are in specific locations in the City.

Lead Department	Budget Office
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$5,293,991 is available in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Historic Preservation Fund's Operating Budget. Fiscal notes are attached.
For More Information	Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer / 974-1380

Additional Backup Information:

The Texas Tax Code, Chapter 351.101(a)(5) authorizes hotel occupancy taxes to be used to promote tourism and the convention industry through use of those funds for historic restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs promoting the City to tourists and the convention industry. During adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget, the City Manager was directed to bring back to

Council a spending plan for the unallocated funds within the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to be used in the manner authorized by this state law. The instructions specified that \$2 million from the HPF was to be used “for allowable operations and maintenance expenditures at City of Austin historic facilities and sites” and that the remaining funding shall be expended “on allowable historic restoration and preservation projects or activities, in accordance with Texas Tax Code Chapter 351.101(a).” On February 26, 2018, Council was provided a memo outlining the spending plan recommended by staff. In summary, 15 projects (shown below), with a total cost of \$5.3 million, have been strategically picked to impact the largest area of the City possible as quickly as possible.

Project	Department	Amount
Oakwood Chapel Supplemental Funding	Parks and Rec.	\$ 250,000
O. Henry Museum at Brush Square Restoration	Parks and Rec.	\$ 750,000
Oakwood Cemetery Historic Gate Restoration & Fencing	Parks and Rec.	\$ 475,000
Zilker Clubhouse (Design Phase)	Parks and Rec.	\$ 450,000
Fiesta Gardens (Design Phase)	Parks and Rec.	\$ 450,000
Elisabet Ney Mechanical System Improvements	Parks and Rec.	\$ 100,000
Seaholm Intake Building Rehabilitation (Phase I)	Parks and Rec.	\$ 600,000
Citywide Historic Building Scan (Phase I)	Planning	\$ 227,556
Heritage Grant Program (Management)	Planning	\$ 107,603
Detailed Historic Building Survey (North Central Austin)	Planning	\$ 477,249
Digital Services for Austin History Center Collections	Library	\$ 115,000
Austin History Center Facility Improvements	Library	\$ 469,883
Downtown Wayfinding	Transportation	\$ 321,700
Six Square Wayfinding and Marketing	Economic Dev.	\$ 300,000
Red River Cultural District Wayfinding	Economic Dev.	\$ 200,000
Total		\$5,293,991

This action includes the budget amendments necessary to implement the recommendations included in the memo.