



**Grant Application**  
**CITY OF AUSTIN**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA DATE:** March 5, 2015  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve a resolution authorizing the City to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program for the Waller Creek District.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The City match will be 50% of total approved project cost up to \$1,000,000. 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.

**REQUESTING**  
**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation Department

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marty Stump (512) 974-9460; Angela Means (512) 974-6712; April Shaw (512) 974-6716.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

10/18/2012 – City Council authorizes Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. and Thomas Phifer & Partners as the selected design team for improvements to the Waller Creek District.

04/28/2011 – City Council authorizes the creation and incorporation of the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation pursuant to Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:**

To be reviewed by the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation on February 11, 2015.

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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. The redevelopment of this dynamic downtown district is made possible in part due to the Waller Creek Tunnel project whose completion allows 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, whereby Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. and Thomas Phifer and Partners were selected as the design team for the corridor. Implementation of this vision is now governed by the Waller Creek Local Government Corporation which was authorized under Resolution No. 20110428-014.

According to guidelines set forth by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in their grant application process, PARD seeks City Council authorization to apply to the Local Park Urban Outdoor Grant Program for improvements for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding for Waller Creek District.