

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 13, 2018

Item Number: **019**

Parks and Recreation

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for up to \$50,000 in grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Community Outdoor Outreach Program for the outdoor outreach and programming that includes underserved youth, teens, adults, and seniors at the Camacho Activity Center.

District(s) Affected: District 3

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation
Fiscal Note	Funding is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the amount of \$50,000. The grant period is May 1, 2019 through November 1, 2020. No city match is required.
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Additional Backup Information:

The Parks and Recreation Department (PAR) Camacho Activity Center (Activity Center) provides outdoor outreach and inclusive programs for underserved youth, teens, adults, and seniors. The Activity Center utilizes budgeted funds to operate and maintain a large fleet of bicycles, kayaks, camping, and climbing gear. Grant funding is sought to replace aging and broken equipment and to provide ongoing maintenance.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant provides funding to local governments and non-profit organizations for programming that introduces under-served populations to environmental and conservation programs, as well as TPWD mission oriented outdoor activities. The CO-OP Program provides up to \$50,000 on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants.

As required by the guidelines of the TPWD for its grant application process, PARD seeks City Council authorization to apply to the CO-OP for up to \$50,000 in grant funding to replace equipment at the Activity Center.

The grant application requires the City to hold a public hearing that complies with the Texas Open Meeting Act before the application can be submitted to the TPWD. At this hearing, the governing body must pass the resolution authorizing application submission. Also required, is an opportunity for public comment. This Resolution is therefore posted on the Council's non-consent agenda to ensure the hearing and the opportunity for public comment. Council action on the Resolution will allow PARD to proceed with the TPWD application process.