




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Kimberly A. McNeeley, CPRP, Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department 

DATE: September 20, 2019

SUBJECT: Closeout CIUR 2106 – Budget Rider E, Safety Lighting in Parks

On September 11, 2018, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 20180911-001, adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This budget decision included an annual \$115,000 general fund allocation for Safety Lighting in Parks (Budget Rider E).

During FY19, the funding was used to purchase and install 26 light fixtures in 14 parks, bringing the total for the three years of the program's existence to 81 light fixtures in 37 parks. The year's accomplishments for the program also include testing the effectiveness and cost of four light mounting methods, along with the establishment of criteria and a process for selecting and prioritizing potential sites.

The current list of upcoming projects consists of 53 light fixtures in 18 park sites. These light fixtures represent identified needs in existing parks that have been approved by the neighboring stakeholders through community feedback. As the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) continues to install light fixtures annually, PARD anticipates the identification of future locations will remain steady. PARD anticipates future neighborhood group engagement and the identification of additional needs.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at (512) 974-6722, or via e-mail at Kimberly.McNeeley@austintexas.gov.

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