



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1971, **Agenda Item #:** 42.

6/16/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the existing Federal Grant Agreement with the Waterloo Greenway Conservancy to authorize the use of the services of a grant expert to be jointly funded by the City and the Conservancy for the term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for a City funding amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Lead Department:

Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note:

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

For More Information:

For more information contact Kristin Pipkin, 512-974-3315.

Additional Backup Information:

The amendment to this contract is to obtain continued professional services through the Waterloo Greenway Conservancy to identify and recommend possible federal grants that would be appropriate for the Waterloo Greenway Project which makes improvements to the Waller Creek District parks and public areas in accordance with the design plan approved by council. Federal grant funding is being pursued to pay for design and capital work for the Waterloo Greenway Project, offsetting the rising costs to design and construct capital improvements for the project.

As noted in the original Agreement signed by Assistant City Manager Rey Arellano on October 27, 2021, the City of Austin and Conservancy shared the costs of hiring a professional with expertise in obtaining federal grant funds. Each entity contributed \$45,000 for the contract term June 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

This action is to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing Federal Grant Agreement between the City of Austin and the Waterloo Greenway Conservancy to authorize the Conservancy to continue to utilize the services of a grant expert to be jointly funded by the City and the Conservancy for a City funding amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety Health and Environment.