

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Acceptance of Grants from Texas Health in Amounts Totaling \$36,600.00 to Support the Fresh Access Program and Healthy Snack Options During Summer Camp at Twenty-Two Fort Worth Community and Athletic Centers and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of a grant from Texas Health in an amount up to \$26,600.00 to support the Fresh Access Program at twenty-two Fort Worth community and athletic centers; and
2. Authorize acceptance of a grant from Texas Health in an amount up to \$10,000.00 to support the efforts of the Park & Recreation Department to provide nutritious and healthy snack options during summer camp programming; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in an amount up to \$36,600.00, to purchase snacks and supplies to support the Fresh Access Program at twenty-two Fort Worth community and athletic centers and efforts of the Park & Recreation Department to provide nutritious and healthy snack options during summer camp programming.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is to authorize the acceptance of grants from Texas Health in amounts totaling \$36,600.00 to support the Fresh Access Program and healthy snack options during summer camp at twenty-two Fort Worth community and athletic centers during the summer of 2024. Staff at Texas Health reached out to indicate they wanted to again provide mini-grants to support each location that is currently a Fresh Access partner. They also expressed interest in providing a grant to support the efforts of the Summer Day Camp Program by providing nutritious and healthy snack options. There was no application process since the request came directly from Texas Health.

The Fresh Access Program is guided by evidence-based practices, and Texas Health works to create an environment that supports health and well-being. A critical component of this work is the focus on systems change to improve access to fresh food for all residents. Texas Health has partnered with over 34 schools and community organizations to distribute over 665,850 pounds of fruits and vegetables to communities in need and continues support of both school and community gardens, local farms, and local businesses.

The goal of Fresh Access is to meet people where they are to offer access to fresh produce and nutrition resources to boost well-being. This is accomplished by partnering with trusted organizations to offer fresh fruits and vegetables and resources to the community and emphasizing the importance of community involvement to create healthier communities. In 2023, the Fresh Access program served over 42,000 people and distributed over 238,000 pounds of produce. The Fresh Access grant will be used to purchase supplies and other program support expenses. These may include supplies for packing and distributing food, nutrition education, and storage.

Grant allocations will be distributed as described below. Community centers that are Fresh Access sites will receive \$1,000.00 towards supplies needed for the operation of the Fresh Access produce distribution program. An additional \$200.00 food allowance is included for those community centers that completed the Common Threads training. Eugene McCray Community Center will receive \$4,200.00 to support their Good For You pantry. Studies have shown that access to healthy snacks helps youth create healthy habits and supports cognitive and physical development. The \$10,000.00 grant will be distributed to twenty community centers based on the number of camp registrations.

Location	Allocation
Andrew Doc Session Community Center	\$1,000.00
Atatiana Carr-Jefferson Community Center at Hillside	\$1,000.00
Chisholm Trail Community Center	\$1,200.00
Como Community Center	\$1,200.00
Diamond Hill Community Center	\$1,200.00
Eugene McCray Community Center	\$4,200.00
Fire Station Community Center	\$1,000.00
Greenbriar Community Center	\$1,200.00
Handley Meadowbrook Community Center	\$1,200.00
HAWS Athletic Center	\$1,000.00
Highland Hills Community Center	\$1,000.00
Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center	\$1,200.00
North Tri-Ethnic Community Center	\$1,200.00

Northside Community Center	\$1,200.00
R.D. Evans Community Center	\$1,200.00
Riverside Community Center	\$1,000.00
Southside Community Center	\$1,200.00
Southwest Community Center	\$1,000.00
Sycamore Community Center	\$1,200.00
Thomas Place Community Center	\$1,000.00
Victory Forest Community Center	\$1,000.00
Worth Heights Community Center	\$200.00
20 Community Centers	\$10,000.00

This program serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Other Fund. Park & Recreation Department (and Financial Management Services Department) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to expenditures being incurred, Park & Recreation has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is an advance funding grant.

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