

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 06/10/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0483

**LOG NAME:** 80OAK GROVE PARK

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 8) Authorize Acceptance of an Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant of Up to \$1,500,000.00 from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the Bond Oak Grove Park Project; Authorize the Use of 2022 Bond Program Funds Up to \$1,500,000.00 for a Grant Match; Adopt Appropriation Ordinance; and Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (2022 Bond Program)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a Recreation Grant Agreement to accept an Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00 from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for the Bond Oak Grove Park project (City Project No. 104194) with City participation in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00 for a total grant project budget of up to \$3,000,000.00;
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance by increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Project State Fund in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00, subject to the receipt of the grant, for the Bond Oak Grove Park project (City Project No. 104194);
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance by increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Capital Project State Fund in an amount up to \$1,500,000.00, as a transfer from the 2022 Bond Program Fund to satisfy the City's match requirements, totaling \$3,000,000.00 for the Bond Oak Grove Park project (City Project No. 104194); and
4. Amend the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) Urban Outdoor Grant Program. This grant will provide for the development of park improvements at Bond Oak Grove Park (City Project No. 104194), an approximately 68-acre tract of land located at the corner of Oak Grove Road and Oak Grove Shelby Road, in southeast Fort Worth. The Grant Repository Number is GRNT-APPL-0000000126.

On June 11, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No.5966-06-2024 authorizing the Park & Recreation Department (PARD) to apply for an Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant from TPWD. The application was successful, and on January 23, 2025, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved the issuance of \$1,500,000.00 in grant funding to the City to develop proposed improvements at Oak Grove Park.

Per the TPWD grant application structure, a 1:1 grant match is required. For the City's match, PARD will use \$1,500,000.00 of 2022 Bond Funds already appropriated for the development of Bond Oak Grove Park project (City Project No. 104194). This follows the City's fiscal policy regarding the use of bond funds.

This is a reimbursement grant, and all grant funding is to be used for construction purposes only. Indirect costs are not reimbursable. The City of Fort Worth is solely responsible for any additional costs associated with project administration, design, construction inspection, and materials testing.

This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency, or public institution of higher education: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. It does not request approval of a contract with a private business entity.

This project is included in the 2022 Bond Program. The City's Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25765-08-2022) provided liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to actually make any interim progress payments until debt is issued. Once debt associated with a project is sold, debt proceeds will reimburse the interim financing source in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance 25515-05-2022).

PARD's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) does not include potential grant awards. Therefore, the requested action in this M&C will amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2029 CIP.

TPWD is a state agency and does not require a 1295 form.

Oak Grove Park is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

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

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds

will be available in the current capital budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Capital Project State Fund. The Park & Recreation Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Park & Recreation Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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