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WHEREAS, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers the Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP), which provides grant assistance to local governments and other eligible organizations for outdoor recreation and conservation programs that serve populations with limited opportunities for outdoor experiences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas is eligible to apply for assistance through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Park & Recreation Department desires to submit an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program for the Eco Teens program to expand outdoor recreation, environmental education, camping, and related outdoor learning opportunities for Dallas youth; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Park & Recreation Department seeks grant funding in the amount of $100,000.00 to support the Eco Teens program; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is desirous of authorizing an official to represent and act for the applicant in dealing with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department concerning this program.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the Park and Recreation Board and the City Manager are hereby authorized to apply for the Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant in the amount of $100,000.00 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, approved as to form by the City Attorney, for the Eco Teens Program for citywide use.

SECTION 2. That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby authorizes and directs the Dallas Park & Recreation Department to act for the City of Dallas in dealing with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the purposes of these programs, and that the Director or his or her designee is hereby officially designated as the representative in this regard.

SECTION 3. That the City of Dallas, Texas hereby specifically authorizes the Park & Recreation Department to make application to the Community Outdoor Outreach Program from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Eco Teens Program.

SECTION 4. That it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Texas that all operating funds required for the Eco Teens program be appropriated and funded as needed for operating costs.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.