



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: September 22, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 5
DEPARTMENT: Park & Recreation Department
EXECUTIVE: John D. Jenkins

SUBJECT

Authorize an application for the Local Parks Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Program in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Crawford Memorial Signature Park Phase One Development located at 8700 Elam Road - Financing: This item has no cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information for potential future costs)

BACKGROUND

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) administers the Local Parks Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant. Funding for this program comes from a portion of the state sales tax on sporting goods through the Texas Recreation and Parks Account, the Texas Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account, and from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The scoring criteria for this grant program includes: development or the extension of parks; a locally adopted and department-approved park master plan, reduction of the threat to the public availability of a conservation or recreation opportunity, location in an underserved area; and involvement of public or private cooperation and meets the goals of TPWD Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan.

Crawford Memorial Park is a 266.2 acre metropolitan park, that was established in 1964 in the South Dallas community. Crawford Memorial Park is identified by the Dallas Park & Recreation Department as the candidate for this funding application due to its completion of a Signature Park Master Plan outlining the Phase One development priorities.

Based on the current master plan, Phase One development will include installation of the new loop trail, pedestrian bridges, an all-abilities playground, a picnic area, and preservation of remnant Blackland Prairie.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Acceptance of the grant, if awarded	April-May 2022
Review master plan, finalize design, and schedule construction	May-October 2022
Construction begins	December 2022
Project complete	November 2024

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On September 15, 2021, the Park and Recreation Board authorized an application for the Local Parks Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant program in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

FISCAL INFORMATION

This action has no cost consideration to the City. Future estimated costs for operation and maintenance will be identified upon receipt of the grant. If awarded the grant, the City will also provide a 1:1 match from 2017 General Obligation Bond Funds.

MAP

Attached