



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: March 25, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 7
DEPARTMENT: Park & Recreation Department
EXECUTIVE: John D. Jenkins

SUBJECT

Authorize a twelve-month funding agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens in an amount not to exceed \$145,862.00, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to provide community outreach services, horticulture information services and presentations at community centers and special facilities within the city of Dallas for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 - Not to exceed \$145,862.00 - Financing: General Fund

BACKGROUND

On June 25, 2003, the City entered into a multi-year agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens (a non-profit organization) to manage and operate the Discovery Gardens building and surrounding grounds at Fair Park for a ten-year period. The agreement was extended on November 7, 2013 for a ten-year period.

On October 24, 2018, City Council authorized a management contract with Fair Park First for management and operation of Fair Park for the Park and Recreation Department for a term of twenty years, with two five-year extension options by Resolution No. 18-1531, which included an assignment of the underlying agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens to Fair Park First. However, the assigned contract does not contain a funding provision for community outreach and other related programming services. Within 60 days of the close of the fiscal year, Texas Discovery Gardens must provide a detailed breakdown based on indicators listed in the Texas Discovery Gardens agreement with Fair Park First. This information will be included in the Fair Park First annual presentation given to the Park and Recreation Board per the management agreement.

The stipend payments will support the following programs and services for period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Community outreach services such as enrichment classes for school children, horticulture information services, and presentations at community centers and special facilities.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On October 24, 2018, City Council authorized a management contract with Fair Park First for management and operation of Fair Park for the Park and Recreation Department for a term of twenty years, with two five-year extension options by Resolution No. 18-1531.

On November 1, 2018, the Park and Recreation Board authorized a twelve-month funding agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens.

Information about this item was provided to the Quality of Live & Environment Committee on December 10, 2018.

On December 12, 2018, City Council authorized a twelve-month funding agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens to provide services and programs within the city of Dallas for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, by Resolution No. 18-1823.

On March 5, 2020, the Park and Recreation Board authorized a twelve-month funding agreement with Texas Discovery Gardens.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2020	FY 2021	Future Years
General Fund	\$145,862.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OWNER

Texas Discovery Gardens

Board of Directors

Michael Bosco, Board Chair
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