



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Quality of Life
AGENDA DATE: October 13, 2020
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): 9
DEPARTMENT: Park & Recreation Department
EXECUTIVE: John D. Jenkins

SUBJECT

Authorize a payment in the amount of \$62,437.00 to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc., through funding provided to the City by the U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, to cover previously unbudgeted costs of necessary expenditures incurred due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 public health emergency - Not to exceed \$62,437.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Treasury - Coronavirus Relief Funds

BACKGROUND

On March 23, 1988, the City entered into a multi-year agreement with the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc. (DABS), a non-profit organization, to manage and operate the Dallas Arboretum. The original agreement was for a twenty-five year period, and on February 27, 2013 the agreement was extended for a ten year period.

On May 20, 2020, the DABS requested COVID-19 relief funding assistance from the City for the acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment for the safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency for 12 months.

The CARES Act provides that payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund may only be used to cover costs that 1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); 2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and, 3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On April 22, 2020, City Council authorized the acceptance of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to aid the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) response throughout the city by Resolution No. 20-0644.

City Council was briefed on the proposed uses of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, Coronavirus Relief Funds to facilitate assistance to eligible communities and households economically impacted by COVID-19 on June 17, 2020.

On September 17, 2020, the Park and Recreation Board authorized a payment in the amount of \$62,437.00 to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc., through funding provided to the City by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
U.S. Department of Treasury - Coronavirus Relief Funds	\$62,347.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

OWNER

Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society, Inc.

Mary Brinegar, President and Chief Executive Officer
Alan Walne, Chairman
Jim Ryan, Vice Chairman
Regina Montoya, Secretary
Lisa Armstrong, Treasurer