



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2803, Agenda Item #: 67.

1/22/2026

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for up to \$25,000 in grant funding from The RCX Sports Foundation for the MLS GO PLAY FUND - NRPA Grant and authorizing and directing the Director of Austin Parks and Recreation to act on the City's behalf and work with RCX Sports Foundation for purposes of the MLS GO PLAY FUND - NRPA Grant. Funding: Up to \$25,000 will be requested from the MLS GO PLAY FUND Grant. There is no City match required..

Lead Department

Austin Parks and Recreation.

Fiscal Note

Funding in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 will be requested from the MLS GO PLAY FUND Grant. There is no City match required.

For More Information:

Suzanne Piper, Chief Administrative Officer, (512) 974-6753; Jodi Jay, Assistant Director, (512) 974-9459; David Crabb, Divisional Manager; Delano Brown, Program Manager, (512) 978-2431.

Additional Backup Information:

There is no City match required. Funding in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 will be requested from the MLS GO PLAY FUND Grant.

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Additional Backup Information:

The MLS GO PLAY FUND Organization Grant is available to current or future MLS GO league operators that have signed their operator contract, with preference given to non-profits or organizations supporting the non-profit sector, as well as to local government agencies that manage park and recreation spaces, services, and programs. Grants can be used to offset costs, such as player subsidies, equipment, and safety requirements, with funding amounts determined on a case-by-case basis depending on financial need. In accordance with the guidelines set forth by The RCX Sports Foundation in their grant application process, APR seeks City Council authorization to apply to the MLS GO PLAY FUND Grant for up to \$25,000 in grant funding to support local park and recreation agencies. No City match is required.

The grant application requires the City to hold a public hearing that complies with the Texas Open Meeting Act. At this hearing, the governing body must pass the resolution authorizing application submission and authorizing and directing Jesús Aguirre, Director of Austin Parks and Recreation, to act on the City's behalf in working with The RCX Sports Foundation for purposes of the MLS GO PLAY FUND Grant. There must be an opportunity for public comment. This Resolution is therefore posted on the Council's non-consent agenda to ensure the hearing and the opportunity for public comment. APR timely submitted its grant application to The

RCX Sports Foundation.