

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

8/27/26

CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

Parks and Recreation

FUND:

Capital Budget

SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20250813-005) to accept and appropriate \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Parks Rider grant program to provide funding for the Springwoods Neighborhood Park Accessible Playground and ADA Enhancements project. Funding: \$1,000,000 is available from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. No City match is required.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

	2025-26 Approved	This Action	2025-26 Amended
Capitol Budget Fund			
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Local Parks Rider Grant (Springwoods Neighborhood Park) Grant Period: 09/2025 - 4/2030	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00

FIVE-YEAR IMPACT:

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Revenue	0	0	150,000	150,000	700,000
Total Expenditures	0	0	150,000	150,000	700,000
Net Impact	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The 2025 Local Parks Rider grant is a directed, non-competitive grant. Only recipients listed in HB500 or SB1 from the 89th Texas Legislative Session are eligible applicants. The Local Parks Rider Grant Program assists local units of government with the acquisition and development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout Texas. Directed grants do not require a match, and funds will be distributed through a reimbursement process. The City requested a grant award of \$1,000,000 that will provide the majority of the funding needed to address accessibility issues and expand accessible and inclusive play opportunities at Springwoods Neighborhood Park.

Austin Parks and Recreation issued an update memo on January 20, 2026, regarding Council Resolution No. 20230831-083, which directed the City Manager to determine the necessary resources and costs associated with the completion of an all-abilities play site at Springwoods Neighborhood Park. No matching funds from the city are required.

The project will expand inclusive play options for children and adults of all abilities, remove key accessibility barriers, and deliver improvements to make Springwoods Neighborhood Park a more accessible and welcoming space for all community members.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.