



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 6/11/2024

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Conduct a public hearing and possible action on Resolution No. 20240611-007 designating certain officials as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the City in dealing with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, for the purpose of participating in the Local Parks Small Community Recreation Grant program; certifying that the City is eligible to receive program assistance; certifying that the matching share for this application is readily available at this time; and dedicating the proposed site for permanent public park and recreational uses.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$900,000.00

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$0

FUND: TBD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Angleton would like to apply for the Local Parks Small Community Recreation grant offered by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) to provide funding for the construction of Freedom Park Active Area improvements. A public hearing and an approved resolution is a requirement of the grant application.

TPWD administers the Local Park Grant Program consisting of five individual programs including Local Parks Urban Outdoor Recreation, Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation, Local Parks Small Community Recreation, Local Parks Urban Indoor Recreation, and Local Parks Non-Urban Indoor Recreation.

Funding for the Local Park Grant Program comes from a portion of the state sales tax on sporting goods through the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and the Texas Large County & Municipality Recreation & Parks Account. Additional funds come from off-shore gas royalties through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Local Parks Small Community Recreation program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants with a grant ceiling of \$150,000.

Grant funding can be used for the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas. Once funded, all grant-assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained, and open to the public.

On Monday, November 13, the Angleton Better Living Corporation approved the following projects for a \$4M debt issuance:

Project	Amount
Abigail Arias Park development	\$2,000,000.00
Freedom Park improvements	\$900,000.00
Angleton Recreation Center (maintenance improvements and master plan)	\$500,000.00
BG Peck Soccer Complex lights (1 st priority) and field grading/park drainage improvements (2 nd priority)	\$250,000.00
Drainage improvements in flood-prone areas in the City limits, which are beyond the responsibility of the Angleton Drainage District (per ABLC bylaws – specific projects were not designated)	\$350,000.00
Land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements to enhance the City of Angleton’s public park facilities, suitable for amateur sports, entertainment, tourist, and public park purposes and events, including parks and park facilities, open space improvements, and related parking facilities, roads, water and sewer facilities, and other related improvements that enhance any of those items (this is a general item/verbiage ABLC agreed to add so that if we had remaining funds we could allocate them to other projects mentioned in this item)	\$0 (Remaining funds if applicable)

On Monday, January 2, 2024, and Monday, January 9, 2024, Angleton Better Living Corporation met to discuss the designation of approved projects for the Angleton Better Living Corporation for 2024 debt issuance for \$4M and held a public hearing.

On Tuesday, January 23, 2024, the City Council approved a resolution to authorize the publication of Notice of Intention to issue certificates of obligation and approve other matters incidental thereto.

On February 13, 2024, the Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) and the City Council approved resolutions No. 20240213-001 and No. 20240213-007 respectively enter into an agreement for the construction of city park and drainage improvements.

On March 12, 2024, the City Council of the City of Angleton, Texas, authorized the issuance and sale of the City of Angleton, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024 by ordinance No. 20240312-011 for the aforementioned projects.

Of the \$900,000 budget for Freedom Park Active Area improvements, \$150,000 will be used as the 50% match requirement for the Local Parks Small Community Recreation grant. If awarded funds from the Local Parks Small Community Recreation program, funding will assist with the design services and park amenity construction which are planned to include, but is not limited to, a 325' baseball field, dugouts, covered seating, landscaping and irrigation, and accessible route improvements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 20240611-007 authorizing the submission of a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Local Parks Small Community Recreation grant application and authorizing the City Mayor, or designee, to act as the City's Executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Local Parks Small Community Recreation grant.