



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 7/9/2024

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Conduct a public hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve Resolution No. 20240709-007 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 Park Non-Urban Indoor 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: \$924,000.00

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$0

FUND: TBD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Angleton would like to apply for the Local Parks Non-Urban Indoor 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 Non-Urban Indoor Recreation grant provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants with a grant ceiling of \$1,500,000.

The Local Parks Non-Urban Indoor Recreation program grant was designed to be available every other year but has not been available to applicants for the past five years. Since TPWD and City

staff are uncertain when this grant will be available in the future, City staff is recommending the readily available match be maximized to address maintenance deficiencies at the Angleton Recreation Center including, but not limited to, new natatorium feature installation, decking, facility LED lighting, HVAC improvements, locker room renovations, and new flooring and painting throughout.

As you are aware, 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 which \$500,000 was dedicated to Angleton Recreation Center Improvements.

On June 17, 2024, Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) approved funding from the Angleton Recreation Center fund balance in the amount of \$274,000 for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Non-Urban Indoor Recreation grant. Additionally, ABLC approved funding from the ABLC fund balance in the amount of \$150,000 this FY 2023-2024 for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Non-Urban Indoor Recreation grant.

Once funded, all grant-assisted sites must remain as parkland in perpetuity, no non-recreational uses may be introduced, boundaries can expand, but not contract, grant-funded construction must remain in place for 25 years, pools, splash pads, and indoor facilities must remain in place for 40 years, but it is expected that regular maintenance and repairs would include upgrading or replacing parts as needed, a permanent sign must remain in place, and parkland must remain well-maintained and open to the public. The property could not be sold, but it could be leased assuming that services provided by the lessee are available at a reasonable price to the public.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 202400709-007 authorizing the submission of a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Local Park Non-Urban Indoor 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 Park Non-Urban Indoor Recreation grant.