



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 6/17/2024

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on additional funding for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Non-Urban Indoor Recreation grant.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$500,000.00 **FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$150,000.00

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 Angleton Recreation Center renovations.

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 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, a permanent sign must remain in place, parkland must remain well-maintained and open to the public.

As mentioned, 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 program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants with a grant ceiling of \$1,500,000. The 50% match must be readily available at the time of the application. The application deadline is August 1, 2024.

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 features, decking, facility LED

lighting, HVAC improvements, locker room renovations, and new flooring and painting throughout.

Angleton City Council 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 various projects including \$500,000 for Angleton Recreation Center improvements. Currently, the staff has \$500,000 that could be used for the readily available match. However, staff is recommending additional funds be dedicated towards Angleton Recreation Center improvements.

Staff recommends the Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) dedicate an additional \$150,000 from the ABLC fund balance to contribute to the readily available 50% match. If an additional \$150,000 from ABLC fund balance is approved as a readily available match at the time of the grant application, staff will move these funds into the contingency line item for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends ABLC approve additional 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.