



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 2/11/2025

PREPARED BY: Megan Mainer, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action on the grant application for Partners in Places Round 22 and fifty percent matching letter of commitment.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$2,750,000.00 **FUNDS REQUESTED:** \$0

FUND: 040-506-625.10

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Angleton is seeking approval to apply for the Partners for Places Grant (Round 22), a funding opportunity provided by The Funders Network (TFN). This grant supports equitable climate action (ECA) and green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) projects through collaborative partnerships between local governments, frontline community organizations, and place-based funders.

Grant Overview

- Funding Range:
 - One-Year Grants: \$45,000 – \$100,000
 - Two-Year Grants: \$75,000 – \$150,000
- Total Available Funds: \$863,834 (supporting approximately 6-8 projects)
- Application Deadline: February 28, 2025
- Award Announcement: May 21, 2025
- Matching Requirement: At least 50% local foundation cash match required

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, the City must partner with:

1. A local government sustainability or water department
2. A frontline community partner
3. A place-based funder (must provide a matching grant letter or intent within three months of award notification)

The grant can be used for personnel costs, community stipends, consultant fees, supplies, and minor capital expenses directly related to the project. However, regranting of funds is not allowed without prior written approval from TFN.

Sustainable Project Alignment

The City of Angleton was awarded \$750,000 from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department through the Local Parks Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant for the design and development of Abigail Arias Park. This funding will enhance the +/- 6-acre site with key sustainable elements, including:

- Installation of playground equipment
- Construction of a splash pad with a water-repurposing system
- Development of trails and native landscaping
- Implementation of irrigation improvements

The Partners for Places Grant provides an opportunity to further integrate sustainable practices into the park's design by enhancing green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) and equitable climate action (ECA) initiatives, ensuring the park remains environmentally responsible and community-focused.

Staff recommends approval to apply for the Partners for Places Grant – Round 22 to complement the existing funding from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and further enhance the sustainability and environmental resilience of Abigail Arias Park. The grant would support splash pad water-repurposing system solutions, irrigation, and native landscaping within the park.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council authorize the Angleton Parks & Recreation Department to apply for the two-year Partners for Places Grant – Round 22 for an amount of up to \$150,000 with Angleton Restoration Project, 501c3 frontline community partner, to support the City's sustainability initiatives outlined in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant for Abigail Arias Park development and write a fifty percent matching letter of commitment executed by Mayor Wright.