



TPWD Grant Agreement

CITY COUNCIL: JULY 20, 2026

STAFF CONTACT: JEN BASHAM, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Purpose of Item

Request City Council acceptance of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Agreement for Burleson Legacy Park.

*The grant application was authorized by Council prior to submittal. The City is not required to formally accept the grant as part of the process



Grant Award Overview

Non-Urban Outdoor Recreation Grant Program

Administered through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Recreation Grants Branch

Provides reimbursement funding for local park development projects

Supports accessibility, conservation, recreation, and community-based park improvements

Award Summary

Maximum grant award received: **\$750,000**

Program reimburses up to **50% of eligible project costs**

City of Burleson received the maximum funding amount available under the program





Community Vision

Nature-based recreation

Inclusive and accessible play opportunities

Regional destination park amenities

Expanded trail and pedestrian connectivity

Long-term investment in community recreation infrastructure

The submitted design is conceptual and further public engagement will continue through final design

Item	Amount
TPWD Maximum Grant Award	\$750,000
Required Local Match	\$750,000
Additional Funds from City	\$1,639,412
Current Total Estimated Project Cost	\$3,139,412

Project Cost Summary



Key Conditions

Permanent Public Recreation Use

TPWD grant requirements require that:

All grant-funded property remain dedicated for public park and recreation use in perpetuity

Any future conversion requires TPWD approval

Replacement parkland of equal value and recreational utility would be required if conversion occurred



Environmental & Historical

Environmental Coordination

TPWD environmental review completed

Recommendations included preservation of mature trees where feasible

Bat habitat considerations incorporated into project planning

Historical Review

Texas Historical Commission review completed

No historic properties anticipated to be affected by proposed development



Impact

Project Benefits

Expanded inclusive recreation opportunities

Increased accessibility for all ages and abilities

Nature-based play experiences

Regional park destination enhancements

Improved pedestrian connectivity

Long-term investment in quality of life and park infrastructure

PROJECT TIMELINE

Milestone	Timeline
TPWD Grant Application Submitted	August 2025
Texas Historical Commission Review Completed	August 2025
TPWD Environmental Review Completed	April 2026
Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Award Approval	January 2026
City Council Grant Acceptance	Summer 2026
Final Design & Construction Documentation *Includes Public Engagement	Winter 2026-Summer 2027
Procurement & Bidding	Fall 2027
Construction Start	Winter 2027
Inclusive Playground & Grant Improvements Completion	2028
Grant Performance Period Ends	April 30, 2030





Recommendation

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF
THE AGREEMENT