Parks and Recreation *Grant Opportunities*

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AGENDA

- Provide an overview of grant applications submitted.
- Highlight potential funding impact for Burleson parks and alignment with overall division goals.
- Gain recommendation for approval to proceed with grants, if awarded.

TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE
GRANTS

MUNICIPAL FORESTER

Grant Amount: $100,000 (Phased over 3 years)
- **Year 1:** $50,000
- **Year 2:** $25,000
- **Year 3:** $25,000

Purpose: Funds a **Municipal Forester/Arborist** position in cities without one to enhance **urban forestry management** and support community tree initiatives.

Key Responsibilities:
- Tree planting, care, and maintenance
- Urban forest management & risk assessments
- Community engagement & policy development
- Coordination with municipal departments

Impact:
- Dedicated forestry expert for long-term tree management
- Improved urban forest health & sustainability
- Increased community engagement in conservation

Current Status: Application submitted; awaiting award decision

TREE PLANTING

Grant Amount: Up to **$20,000** (Up to 10 awards available)

Purpose: Provides funding to **increase urban and community tree canopy coverage**, engage the community, and address **urban sustainability challenges** such as climate impact, energy consumption, and water quality.

Potential Impact:
- Expanded **tree canopy coverage** and improved environmental conditions.
- Enhanced **public health, climate resilience, and urban aesthetics**.
- Stronger **community engagement in conservation** efforts.

Funding Requested: Up to $20,000

Current Status: Application submitted; awaiting award decision.

LOWES HOMETOWN *GRANT*

LOWE'S HOMETOWN

Grant Amount: Up to **$200,000**

Purpose: Provides funding for **community park revitalization**, focusing on **infrastructure improvements, accessibility, and beautification** to enhance public spaces and foster community engagement.

Project Tied To: Warren Park Improvements

- **Potential Impact:**
- Upgraded **park infrastructure** for enhanced usability and safety
- **Increased accessibility** for all community members
- **Beautification** to create a welcoming and vibrant public space

Funding Requested: Up to $200,000

Current Status: Application submitted; awaiting award decision

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION *GRANT*

NRPA OST YOUTH MENTORING GRANT

Purpose: Supports youth mentoring programs focusing on environmental education and stewardship.

Project Tied To: Trees for Tomorrow Program.

Potential Impact: Provides mentorship opportunities and hands-on learning experiences for youth.

Funding Requested: $60,000

Current Status: Application submitted; awaiting award decision.

TxDot Green Ribbon Phase II
GRANT

Green Ribbon

Purpose: To extend the current green ribbon project from S Town Dr to Greenridge Dr

Project Tied To: This project will be partnered with an existing grant awarded to Keep Burleson Beautiful of their GCOA grant in the amount of $250,000

Potential Impact: Beautification of corridors through environmental design

Funding Requested: $400,000

If received the city is responsible for design and construction administration estimated at $115,000

Current Status: Application submitted to area office for review, official submittal to the state March 28

TPWD Outdoor Recreation
GRANT

TPWD Outdoor Recreation

Purpose: To create an inclusive play environment at the Community Park Site

Potential Impact: Create the largest inclusive play area with a unique theme at the new community park site
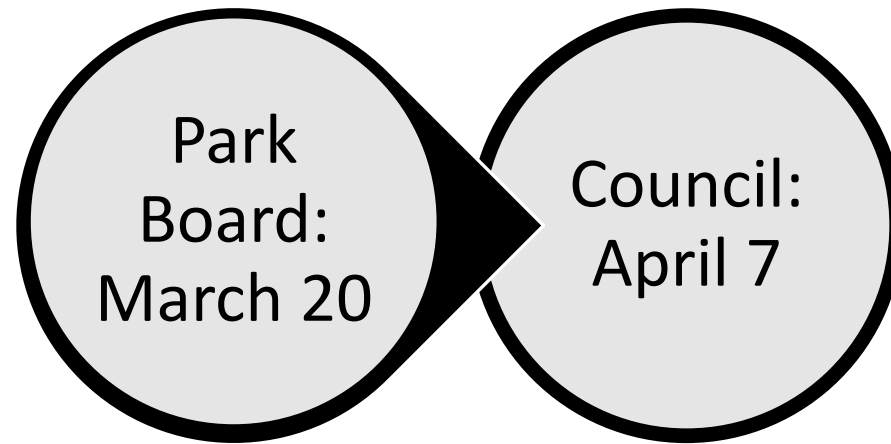
Funding to be Requested: $700,000

If received the city is responsible for a 50/50 match of $700,000

Current Status: Application open in April with submittals due in August, the requirements for this grant have not been advertised yet and may require a scope change. Staff met with the Grant Administrators back in January to discuss potential projects and were directed to the community park project as the most impactful and highest potential for award.

TIMELINE

Park Board: March 20

Council: April 7

QUESTIONS / FEEDBACK