



## CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE COMMUNICATION

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**MEETING DATE:** 06/21/2022

**REQUESTER:** Steve Plumer, Park Planning and Development Manager

**PRESENTER:** Duane Strawn, Director of Parks, Arts and Recreation

**TITLE:** Ratify a grant application for participation in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in the amount of \$2,000,000 for Tarrant County Community Programs Grant for Phase II Tyre Park Redevelopment (The Finance and Government Committee reviewed this item on 06/07/2022)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve

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### ANALYSIS:

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law on March 11, 2021, established the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) to provide State, territorial, local, and Tribal units of government with federal grant dollars to facilitate a localized response to a wide array of negative socioeconomic impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Tarrant County Commissioners Court is the governing body for Tarrant County and is charged with administering the SLFRF funds to promote the highest and best use of funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act. As such, the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court announced a call for proposals from area nonprofits, local government, and quasi-government agencies with an application deadline of May 16, 2022. Grand Prairie was unaware of the call for proposals until May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. After receiving notice of the availability of these funds and opportunity to submit a proposal, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department determined it would submit a proposal for funds to support the continued redevelopment of Tyre Park (located in Tarrant County) for design and construction of Phase II. Due to the time constraints identified above, pre-approval from City Council for the proposal submission was unavailable.

On May 12, 2022, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department submitted its proposal to the Tarrant County Administrator's Office in conformity with the community needs identified within three Focus Areas: Focus Area 2: Improve Public Health and Wellness; Focus 3: Revitalize the Economy; and Focus 4: Strengthen the Community. The request was for \$2,000,000. If funds are awarded, all funds must be expended by December 31, 2024, and there is no matching requirement from the City of Grand Prairie; however, the current Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant for Tyre Park Improvements in the amount of \$2,000,000 previously awarded to the city of Grand Prairie (approved by City Council on October 12, 2021), is considered as a matching source of funds.

**TYRE PARK PHASE I COUNCIL ACTION HISTORY:**

On October 12, 2021, City Council approved a professional services contract with Parkhill/Schrickel Rollins, Inc. for Master Planning services for the redevelopment of Tyre Park.

On May 17, 2022, the City Council approved an architectural design contract with Parkhill Schrickel Rollins for professional design services for Phase I redevelopment of Tyre Park. Parkhill Schrickel Rollins will provide professional design services including plan development, site engineering, bidding and negotiations, construction administration and project close-out.

On May 17, 2022, the City Council approved a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract with Dean Electric, Inc. dba Dean Construction for the Pre-Construction CMAR services for Tyre Park Phase I.

If successful in the application of the grant, the funding will go towards the design and construction of Tyre Park Phase II.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

There is no financial impact at this time.