



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Parks and Recreation
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Account Code: _____

Subject

Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2021-14(R) authorizing the application for a Collin County Park and Open Space Grant for the purpose of the Municipal Complex Trail Lighting Project.

Recommendation

Motion to approve Item as presented.

Discussion

In November 2018, the citizens of Collin County approved a \$10 million bond proposition for Parks and Open Space. Through the year 2023, Collin County will make these funds accessible to cities and non-profit organizations within the County. These funds will be obtainable through an application process to assist with the acquisition of park land, trail construction, and park/open space improvements.

The Collin County Parks Foundation Advisory Board administers the Project Funding Assistance Program. This is a reimbursement program. Applicants must have a minimum dollar for dollar in matching funds, comprised of direct cash or in-kind services, for the project being proposed.

The County is once again accepting applications for the next cycle of grant awards. Applications must be submitted to the County by July 6, 2021, and awards for successful applications will be made by the County in October 2021. The sponsoring entity must approve a resolution authorizing the project application submittal and designation of a project official.

The grant application requests \$310,666.00 in funding from Collin County for the purpose of installing lighting along the Municipal Complex Trail following the recommendations in the 2020 City of Wylie Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. Staff is currently composing the grant application to meet the July 6, 2021 deadline. This trail lighting will provide 81 lights along the trail providing additional safety and security to trail patrons that utilize the trail. The Municipal Complex trail is centrally located in the City but provides parks and recreation opportunities to all citizens of Wylie.

Should the grant application be successful, future agenda items regarding an Interlocal Agreement with the County and the necessary budget amendments to account for the revenues and expenses will be prepared for Council consideration.

Staff welcomes any Council input and suggestions regarding development of the application and scope of the proposed project.

At this time, proposed improvements in the application include the following:

- Installation of 36 light poles for Phase 1 and 45 light poles in Phase 2 for a total of 81 light poles.
- Installation includes trenching, electrical services, conduit, and pole bases.