



Legislation Text

File #: Res. 2018-154R, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval of Resolution 2018-154R, ratifying the submission of an application to the United States Forest Service for a grant in the amount of \$423,333.33 to be applied toward the third lease installment due to the Trust for Public Land under the Lease-Purchase Agreement for the Grady Early Tract; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any and all documents as necessary to accept and implement the grant, if awarded; and declaring an effective date.

Meeting date: September 4, 2018

Department: Community Services - Parks and Recreation Division

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: In the fall of 2017, the City of San Marcos entered into a three-year lease with The Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of Sink Creek (Early tract) in the amount of \$1,270,000. The City made the first installment payment of \$423,333 in 2017. City Council approved the lease-purchase agreement with the expectation that external funding sources would be sought to match the commitment of public funds.

City Council Strategic Initiative:

City Facilities

Goal #9 Protect & Preserve San Marcos River and Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone

Goal #2 Beautify & Enhance the Quality of Place

Comprehensive Plan Element (s):

- ☒ Environment & Resource Protection - Natural Resources necessary for community's health, well-being, and prosperity secured for future development
- ☒ Land Use - Set appropriate density & impervious cover limitations in environmentally sensitive areas to avoid adverse impacts on water supply
- ☒ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Collection of connected and easily navigated parks and public spaces

Master Plan:

Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Master Plan

Background Information:

The Trust for Public Land notified the City of San Marcos of a grant program known as the Community Forest Program, administered by the US Forest Service, as a potential funding source for Sink Creek (Early tract). Grants for this program require a 50% match from the local entity and can reach up to \$600,000.

The application deadline was June 29, 2018. The City submitted the application in the amount of \$423,333.33 to the US Forest Service in coordination with the Trust for Public Land. Staff is asking for ratification of the application submittal. If successful with the grant, the proceeds will be used to fund the third installment payment for the Sink Creek property acquisition. The City's second installment scheduled in December 2018 will serve as the local match under the program requirements.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of ratification of the submittal to the US Forest Service.