



Legislation Text

File #: Res. 2020-253R, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval of Resolution 2020-253R, approving the application for and award of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan Grant from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$50,000.00, with an in-kind match from the City of \$20,000.000, together with additional in-kind matches from the Edwards Aquifer Authority and Texas State University of \$130,000.00, to be applied toward the removal of invasive plant and animal species and the planting of native vegetation along portions of the San Marcos River under the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any and all documents as necessary to accept and implement the grant; and declaring an effective date.

Meeting date: November 17, 2020

Department: Engineering/CIP

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: none

Account Number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Funds Available: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Account Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: none

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Sustainability

N/A

[Choose an item.](#)

Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☐ Economic Development - [Choose an item.](#)

☒ Environment & Resource Protection - Natural Resources necessary for community's health, well-being, and prosperity secured for future development

☐ Land Use - [Choose an item.](#)

☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - [Choose an item.](#)

- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☐ Core Services
- ☐ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

Background Information:

The City is coordinating with Texas State University on this grant. The grant consists of a \$150,000 in-kind match (\$120,000 from the Edwards Aquifer Authority; \$10,000 from Texas State University and \$20,000 from City of San Marcos) with \$50,000 federal cash grant. The grant goals are to remove invasive plant and animal species (aquatic and terrestrial) and plant native vegetation instream and along the riparian corridor from IH-35 to just below the A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery (see map). Primary benefits include increased habitat availability for endangered species and native biota, and improved water quality.

The project area expands the scope of the work currently conducted by the existing Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan (EAHCP) and extends the habitat enhancement work downstream from the EAHCP an extra river mile, and 0.5 miles upstream into Willow Springs.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

Approval of the submission of the 2020 National Fish Habitat Action Plan grant application

Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

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