



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of February 12, 2013
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of February 26, 2013

DATE: January 21, 2013
TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager
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Grant funding for wetland restoration and construction at Hans Suter Wildlife Refuge

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Texas General Land Office for Hans and Pat Suter Wildlife Refuge improvements in the No. 1067 Park and Recreation Grants Fund with City matching funds of \$66,667.00 in the No. 4720 Community Enrichment Fund for total project amount of \$166,667.00.

PURPOSE:

Grant funding will provide construction of a wildlife viewing platform and additional wetland restoration at the Hans and Pat Suter Wildlife Refuge.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In addition to its importance to area wildlife, the refuge is one of the city's premier nature tourism sites, drawing visitors from across the country. In 2010, the Hans and Pat Suter Wildlife Refuge was recognized by area businesses, conservation organizations, and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau when the groups joined together in an effort to improve the refuge. Those improvements included installation of shade structure, educational signage, irrigation at a butterfly garden, security enhancements, and limited invasive species removal.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not accept this grant funding.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

n/a

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

City Council must authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the necessary documents to appropriate the grant award.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal, Accounting

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget	n/a		0	0
Encumbered / Expended Amount	n/a		0	0
This item	n/a		\$166,667	\$166,667
BALANCE	n/a		\$166,667	\$166,667

FUND(S): Grant Fund 1067

Comments: The cash match for this grant will come from the Community Enrichment Fund 4720.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of grant.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Grant Agreement