Local Park Urban Outdoor Recreation (LP) Grant Application

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ORLP Grant

Grant Information

- Grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Competitive Grant Process
- Grant Amounts up to $1.5 million

Eligibility Criteria

- Project sites must be **dedicated as parkland in perpetuity**
- Eligible applicants include **political subdivisions**
- **Requires $1:$1 match funding**
- Projects must be acquisition and/or development of public **outdoor recreation** areas in **urban spaces**.

Project and Funding

Recommended Project: Pearsall Park (CD4)

Estimated Matching Funds

• 2022 Bond	$1,900,000
Estimated Total Matching Funds	*$1,900,000*

Estimated Grant Request: $1,500,000
(based on ceiling for LP Grant)

Project Recommendations

- Adaptive Bike Track and supporting amenities

Background

- $1.9 million in 2022 Bond funds
- Over two decades of community input include two master plans and three previous bond cycles
- Department received a previous Local Park (LP) Urban Outdoor Grant award of $1,000,000 for Pearsall Park implemented as part of a previous 2017-2022 bond project which included the bike skills course.
- The current project is an adaptive bike track (designed for riders of all abilities) and associated amenities

Estimated Project & Grant Timeline

- August 1, 2025 - Application Deadline for Submission to TPWD
- January 2026 – TWPD announces LP Grant awards
- November 2026 – TWPD initiates Grant Agreement
- January 2027 – Construction Begins (anticipated construction of 9 months)
- August 2027 – Anticipated Project Completion and Grand Opening

Action

- Approval of the submission of a grant application and the acceptance of funds in an amount up to $1,500,000.00 for the development of an adaptive bike track at Pearsall Park located in City Council District 4.

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Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval