



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 2, District 4, District 6, District 7

**SUBJECT:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds, upon award, for the Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grant Acceptance from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aim to Float Program offering archery and kayaking for Summer Youth Program participants not to exceed \$97,809.00 for the grant period from the date the agreement is initiated through September 30, 2025.

**SUMMARY:**

Ordinance approving the acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) for the Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grant in the amount of \$97,809.00 beginning from the date the agreement is initiated through September 30, 2025, for the implementation of the Aim to Float Program offering archery and kayaking lessons and excursions to Summer Youth Program participants at six community center locations: Copernicus, Cuellar, Dawson, Garza, Miller's Pond, and Woodard, and authorizes the Parks and Recreation Director to execute any and all related documents.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) released a call for applications for the Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grant with applications due on November 1, 2023. TPWD informed the Department in February 2024 that a grant would be awarded in the amount of \$97,908.00 for the implementation of the Aim to Float Program at six community center locations: Copernicus, Cuellar, Dawson, Garza, Miller's Pond, and Woodard. The grant period is from the date the agreement is initiated through September 30, 2025.

The grant will fund staff training; archery, kayaking, and safety equipment; transportation; and recreational and educational supplies. Equipment purchased with the grant will be available for the Department to continue to use after the grant has concluded.

The Parks and Recreation staff have received training in archery from TPWD and have implemented archery programs in the Summer Youth Program and other community center programs. Additionally, the Department has kayak offerings available to the community in various spaces across the park system.

Approximately 250 youth from the Summer Youth Program at the six identified community centers will participate in the Aim to Float Program consisting of archery and kayaking. The youth will participate in ten structured archery lessons in accordance with National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) instruction over two weeks. Additionally, the youth will participate in water safety and paddling skills development exercises and two kayaking excursions.

There is no cash match required. This grant will enhance the activities offered in the Summer Youth Program at identified community centers: Copernicus (CD2), Cuellar (CD6), Dawson (CD2), Garza (CD7), Miller's Pond (CD4), and Woodard (CD2). These centers were selected based on the City of San Antonio Equity Atlas score and proximity to outdoor pools to accommodate kayak lessons.

#### **ISSUE:**

This grant provides an opportunity for youth in historically underserved areas to have the opportunity to participate in the Aim to Float program offering archery and kayaking. The Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant through Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is consistent with City policy to apply for grants to enhance service delivery by supplementing local funds. Grant funds will be utilized for service delivery in alignment with the principles of SA Tomorrow and the SA Parks System Plan's goals.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The City could choose not to accept the grant funds awarded and not offer the Aim to Float Program featuring archery and kayaking for participants in the Summer Youth Program at six identified community centers.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.