

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAREDO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE UNDER THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR THE OUTDOOR LEGACY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM 2023 (ORLP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,799,996 WITH A REQUIRED NON-FEDERAL 1:1 MATCH, FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST OF \$7,599,992. GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE EXISTING TRAILS AND EMBANKMENTS ALONG ZACATE CREEK, AS WELL THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEWLY EXTENDED TRAILS, AND IMPROVE RECREATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY TO SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS. MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE DERIVED FROM IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS OF LAND, PRIVATE DONATIONS, LAND VALUE, 2019 BOND FOR \$1,800,000, AND \$2,000,000 WEBB COUNTY MATCH CONTINGENT UPON COUNTY APPROVAL.

Whereas, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWS) has awarded the City funds for the *Outdoor Legacy Partnership Grant Program 2023* to improve existing trails and embankments along Zacate Creek, as well the development of newly extended trails and improve recreational accessibility to surrounding neighborhoods; and

Whereas, collaboration between the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC), the City of Laredo and Webb County have identified an opportunity to submit a grant application to the National Park Service for its “Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership” program, a conservation park project located in the Zacate Creek watershed; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo will partner with Webb County and RGISC that will contribute and assist in submission of a grant application to the National Park Service under the ORLP grant program.

Whereas, the *City Council of the City of Laredo* acknowledges and expresses its sincere and cordial intention to accept the aforementioned funding opportunity whose implementation date cannot begin until funding is approved; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Laredo finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Laredo, Texas to formally accept the award for the aforementioned Outdoor Legacy Partnership Grant Program 2023 through the City of Laredo’s Economic Development Department for the purpose of improving existing trails and embankments along Zacate Creek, as well the development of newly extended trails and improve recreational accessibility to surrounding neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife under the National Park Service for the Outdoor Legacy Partnership Grant Program 2023 (ORLP) in the amount of \$3,799,996 with a required non-federal 1:1 match, for a total estimated project cost of \$7,599,992. Grant funds will be used to improve existing trails and embankments along Zacate Creek, as well the development of newly extended trails, and improve recreational accessibility to surrounding

neighborhoods. Matching funds will be derived from in-kind contributions of land, private donations, land value, 2019 bond for \$1,800,000, and \$2,000,000 Webb County match contingent upon County approval.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY