

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 01/17/2023

Staff Source: Miriam Castillo

SUBJECT

Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application to Texas Parks and Wildlife under the National Park Service for the Outdoor Legacy Partnership Grant Program (ORLP) in the estimated amount of \$2,000,000.00 with a required non-federal 1:1 match, for a total estimated project cost of \$4,000,000.00. 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 and will support Phase 1 of the Binational River Conservation Project, "Project Uno." Matching funds will be derived from in-kind contributions of land, private donations, land value, and the reallocation of funds from a previous project available in the 2019 CO Bond in the amount of \$1,800,000.00.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On November 28, 2022, Council passed action to collaborate jointly between the Rio Grande International Study Center, the City of Laredo and Webb County for the submission of a grant application to the National Park Service for its "Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership" program for the purposes of a project referred to as Project Uno - a conservation park project located in the Zacate Creek watershed.

BACKGROUND

In 2022, council approved the creation of the Laredo Binational River Park Working Group under Resolution No. 2022-R-107. Collaboration has been ongoing since January 2022 between local stakeholders to identify potential funding sources to develop approximately 6.2 river miles along the Rio Grande known as the Binational River Conservation Project. The presented grant opportunity has been identified as a potential funding mechanism for Project Uno - the restoration of the Zacate Creek Watershed.

The group is composed by the following entities:

City of Laredo
Ciudad De Nuevo Laredo
Consulado General De México En Laredo

Webb County
Camara De Comercio De Nuevo Laredo
Comision Internacional De Limites y Aguas
Coordinación De Relaciones Binacionales
International Bank of Commerce
International Boundary and Water Commission
Kansas City Southern
Laredo Chamber of Commerce
Laredo College
Rio Grande International Study Center
Texas A&M International University
The Nature Conservancy
Webb County Heritage Foundation
Viva Laredo

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year:

Bugeted Y/N?:

Source of Funds:

Account #:

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Item is for the application of a grant. Therefore there is no financial impact at the time.

Attachments

Resolution 2023-R-023
