

Ordinance No. 2024-O-226

RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION A GRANT FOR THE TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE'S COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT LN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00, WITH \$13,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS. AND AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO'S FY 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND BY APPROPRIATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES LN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000.00. FUNDS WILL BE UTILIZED FOR PURCHASING AND PLANTING TREES AT INDEPENDENCE HILLS PARK.

WHEREAS, the Texas A&M Forest Service has issued a request for proposals of funding to help communities develop sustainable programs that provide Texans with healthy trees and forests through the Community Forestry Grant Program (CFG) in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service (USFS); and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo's Environmental Services Department is applying for the grant to implement a tree planting program that increase urban and community tree canopy coverage, engage the community, and promote the benefits of trees in rural environments; and

WHEREAS, the Texas A&M Forest Service has awarded the City \$16,000.00 in funding to implement these projects.

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

Section 1. Accepting the Community Forestry Grant (CFG) by the Texas A&M Forest Service in the amount of \$16,000.00 with no matching funds. And amending the City of Laredo's FY 2025 Annual Budget for Environmental Services by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts.

Section 2. The City of Laredo hereby agrees that the funds received from the Texas A&M Forest Service will only be used for the purpose of implementing approved projects under this grant.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS _____
DAY OF _____, 2024.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Doanh "Zone" T. Nguyen
City Attorney