

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**  
**AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Community and Human Development

**AGENDA DATE:** June 17, 2014

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Verónica R. Soto, AICP, Director/(915) 212-0138

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

**APPROVE** a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? **OR AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Approve a resolution to approve the Quality of Life Bond Neighborhood Improvement Program recommendations for projects to be funded during the initial round of a ten year program as set forth in Exhibit A incorporated into the resolution. The total budgeted amount for the program is annually set at one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

As a part of the 2012 Quality of Life Bond Initiative approved by the citizens of El Paso, \$10,000,000 was allotted for Neighborhood Improvement Program projects. The program is funded at \$1,000,000 per year for 10 years, with this being the first year of funding. \$200,000 of the annual funding is reserved to cover "soft costs" (engineering services, design, procurement, contract compliance, etc.). The remaining \$800,000 is divided evenly among the eight representative districts.

In 2006, City Council approved an ordinance creating "recognized" neighborhood associations to facilitate communication between City departments and the citizens they serve.

The Neighborhood Improvement Program provides the opportunity for recognized neighborhood and civic associations to identify permanent, public improvements in their neighborhoods and submit applications to fund those projects.

In August 2013, the proposed policies and procedures for soliciting applications, evaluating proposals and selecting recommended projects was presented in LRC to full Council, after which the applications were distributed to all recognized neighborhood and civic associations.

Neighborhood Services received 41 applications from 33 neighborhood and civic associations. City departments involved in potential implementation of projects reviewed the applications for feasibility and those deemed feasible were forwarded to Engineering to develop cost estimates.

The applications were scored on the basis of a "scorecard" included in the application packet. A Neighborhood Improvement Review Committee with staff from Neighborhood Services, Parks and Recreation, EPDOT, General Services, Engineering and Planning convened to hear presentations from applicants and to review and score the applications.

The resulting staff recommendations were reviewed with each council representative and presented at the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee which provided unanimous positive comment and feedback.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Council has approved four (4) previous rounds of the Neighborhood Improvement Program under other funding sources. This is the first of ten rounds of the program under 2012 Quality of Life Bond funding.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

ROUND I – \$1,000,000, including \$200,000 for “soft costs” and \$100,000 for projects per district. This is funded through a 2012 Quality of Life Bond issuance and any dollars remaining in a district after the completion of approved projects shall be rolled over into the next round, in that same district.

Funding Source: 2012 Quality of Life Bond

Project: PCP13PRKG01

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

NA

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**LEGAL:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCE:** (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**                     *WRSoto*                      
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)  
*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

**APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

**CITY MANAGER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the City Council approved the Capital Budget, which included funding for the initial Neighborhood Improvement Program (“NIP”); and

**WHEREAS**, the NIP was categorized as a Priority Program, in which the requested projects from recognized neighborhood associations must be for permanent public improvements that benefit neighborhood residents and the general public at large; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the citizens of El Paso, Texas approved the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds, which included funding for the NIP; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIP’s total budget made available from the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds is \$10,000,000.00 to be apportioned equally among El Paso’s eight Representative Districts for eligible public improvement projects and program administration costs over a ten (10) year period; and

**WHEREAS**, NIP Review Committee has reviewed the applications and provided recommendations for the NIP projects that it believes should be approved by City Council in the first round of the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds NIP funding, and the Bond Oversight Advisory Committee has reviewed such recommendations.

### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

1. That City Council hereby approves the Neighborhood Improvement Program Projects that the NIP Review Committee has recommended for expenditure of designated NIP funds in the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds, said projects specifically set forth in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto.
2. That the City Manager or designee is directed to accept the donations as pledged in the project proposals and to proceed with allocation of the funds from the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds for the approved NIP projects, in order to begin implementation of the approved NIP projects in the first round of the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds NIP funding.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

### **THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

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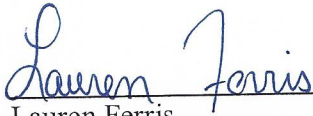
Oscar Leaser  
Mayor

*(Signatures continue on following page)*


**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Lauren Ferris  
Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Verónica R. Soto, AICP, Director  
Community and Human Development  
Department

## **Exhibit “A”**



**Exhibit "A"**  
**Neighborhood Improvement Program – Round 1 Recommended Projects**

**District 1**

<b>Neighborhood Association:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Est. Budget:</b>
Kern NA	Madeline Park Improvements (Canopy)	\$26,000
Mission Hill NA	Mission Hills Park Improvements (Repairs & ADA curb cut)	\$44,900
Montoya Gardens NA	Little River Park Improvements (Xeriscape)	\$17,900
		<b>Total = \$88,800</b>

**District 2**

<b>Neighborhood Association:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Est. Budget:</b>
Central NA	Summit Fillmore Park Improvements (Picnic tables)	\$15,000
Newman Park NA	Newman Park Improvements (Plant bed)	\$10,500
Patriot Park NA	Patriot Place Improvements (Seating area in PSB land)	\$50,900
Sunrise Park NA	Sunrise Park Improvements (Restroom access)	\$19,500
		<b>Total = \$95,900</b>

**District 3**

<b>Neighborhood Association:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Est. Budget:</b>
Stiles Garden NA	Stiles Park Improvements (Handball court)	\$71,300
Valley View/Crest Hills NA	Residential LED Streetlights	\$28,300
		<b>Total = \$99,600</b>

**District 4**

<b>Neighborhood Association:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Est. Budget:</b>
North Hills NA	Chuck Heinrich Park Improvements (Benches)	\$19,300
Shearman Park NA	Jorge Montalvo Park Improvements (Walking trail)	\$67,300
		<b>Total = \$86,600</b>

**District 5**

<b>Neighborhood Association:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Est. Budget:</b>
Las Tierras NA	Carlos Bomback Park Improvements (Park amenities)	\$97,200
		<b>Total = \$97,200</b>

**District 6**

<b>Neighborhood Association:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Est. Budget:</b>
Valle de Las Misiones NA	Residential LED Streetlights	\$24,300
		<b>Total = \$24,300</b>

**District 7**

<b>Neighborhood Association:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Est. Budget:</b>
Lomaland NA	Lomaland Park Improvements (Picnic table & bench)	\$36,000
Santa Lucia NA	Gallagher Sidewalk Improvements	\$47,100
Travis White NA	Eastwood Dam Wrought Iron Gate Improvements	\$15,700
		<b>Total = \$98,800</b>

**District 8**

<b>Neighborhood Association:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Est. Budget:</b>
Central Business Associations	Downtown Shopping District Bench Improvements	\$59,600
Coronado Civic	Coronado Curb Cut Improvements	\$38,200
		<b>Total = \$97,800</b>



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# NIP – Funding

## Purpose

To provide an opportunity for recognized neighborhood associations to request small-scale, permanent, physical improvement projects in their area.

## \$10 million approved in the 2012 Quality of Life Bond

Total Funds per District	# of NIP Rounds	Funds per Round per District
\$1 million	10	\$100,000

## Break Down:

- \$1 million per project round (10 rounds over 10 years)
- \$200,000 per round for ALL soft costs (engineering, design, etc.)
- \$100,000 per District for projects each round
- Unexpended funds in any District will roll over to future rounds in that District





# NIP – Recommended Projects

## District 1

- \$44,900 **Mission Hills Park Improvements** - Mission Hills NA
- \$26,000 **Madeline Park Shade Canopy** - Kern Place Assoc.
- \$17,900 **Little River Park Xeriscaping** - Montoya Gardens NA

## District 2

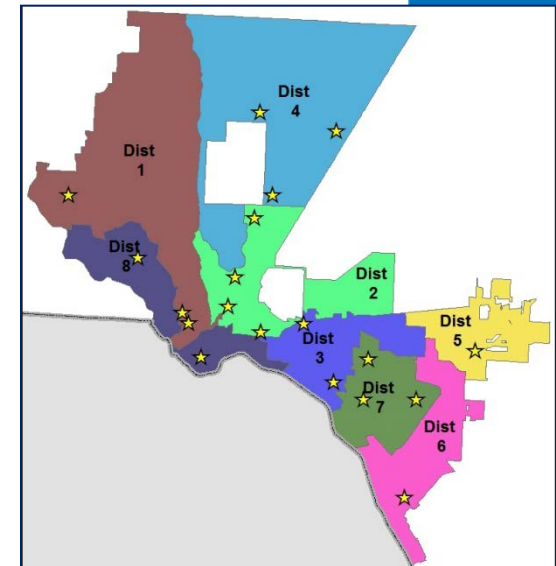
- \$19,500 **Sunrise Park Restroom Access** - Sunrise NA
- \$10,500 **Newman Park Plant Bed** - Newman Park NA
- \$15,000 **Summit Fillmore Park Amenities** - Central NA
- \$50,900 **Patriot Place** - Patriot Park NA

## District 3

- \$28,300 **Residential Streetlights** - Valley View/Crest Hills NA
- \$71,300 **Stiles Park Handball Court, etc.** - Stiles Garden NA

## District 4

- \$67,300 **Montalvo Park Walking Trail** - Shearman Park NA
- \$19,300 **Chuck Heinrich Park Benches** - North Hills NA



**Project Locations**



# NIP – Recommended Projects

## District 5

- \$97,200 **Carlos Bomback Park Improvements** - Las Tierras NA

## District 6

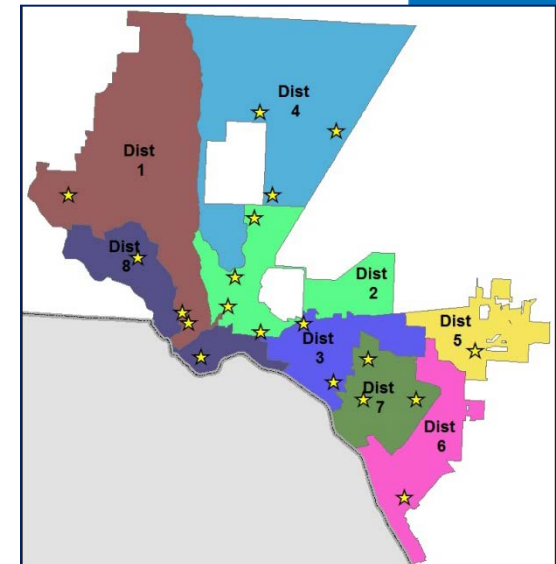
- \$24,300 **Residential Streetlights** - Valle de las Misiones NA

## District 7

- \$47,100 **Gallagher Sidewalk Gap** - Santa Lucia NA
- \$15,700 **Eastwood Dam Wrought Iron Gates** - Travis White NA
- \$36,000 **Lomaland Park Amenities** - Lomaland NA

## District 8

- \$59,600 **Downtown Shopping District Benches** - El Paso CBA
- \$38,200 **Coronado Area Curb Cuts** - Coronado NA



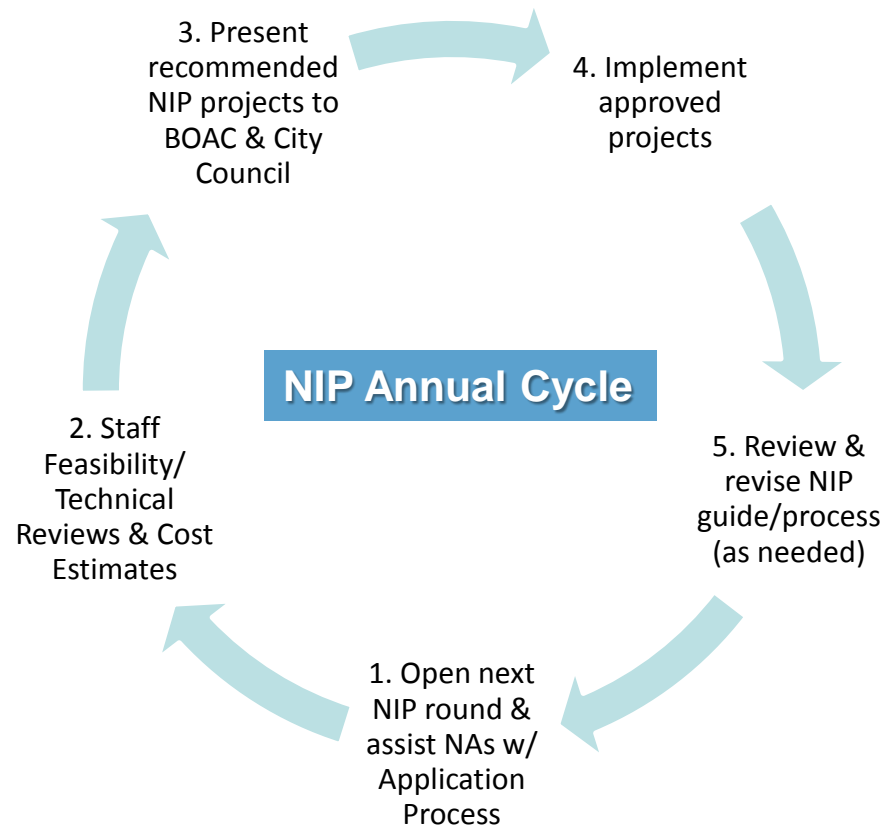
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# NIP – Next Steps

## Projected Timeline:

- **June** – Proceed to implementation (complete within 1 year)
- **June/July** – Review & revise the NIP Policies and Procedures
- **August** – Open applications for next NIP round
- **Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** – NIP workshop at annual Neighborhood Summit
- **Oct** – Next round NIP applications due
- **Nov/Mar** – Cost estimates and staff review process
- **Mar/Apr** – Present recommendations to BOAC & City Council





# Questions & Comments

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