

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

DEPARTMENT: Community + Human Development

AGENDA DATE: October 15, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: 8 – Nature and promote a health sustainable community
4 – Enhance El Paso's quality of life through recreation, cultural, and educational environments

SUBGOAL: 8.2 – Stabilize neighborhoods through community, housing and ADA improvements
4.1 – Deliver bond projects impacting quality of life across the city in a timely, efficient manner

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.**

Request that City Council authorize the distribution of the remaining \$7,000,000 in 2012 Quality of Life (QOL) funds dedicated to the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) as follows:

- Allocate \$3,000,000 for Round 4
- Allocate \$4,000,000 for Round 5

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?

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) is for Recognized Neighborhood Associations (RNA) to request small-scale improvement projects on City-owned property or public-right-of-way to provide additional amenities and/or aesthetic appeal. NIP is funded at \$10 million under the 2012 Quality of Life Bond. Funding is allocated equally per District and is competitive among RNA within the same District.

A total of 56 applications were submitted for Round 4 with project request totaling over \$9.1 million. The additional allocation will allow additional projects to be recommended and not have to further reduce the project scopes from the applicants' original requests.

Application Year	Project Round	Current Allocation	Recommended Allocation
2014	1	1,000,000	1,000,000
2015	2	1,000,000	1,000,000
2016	3	1,000,000	1,000,000
2018	4	2,000,000	3,000,000
2020	5	2,000,000	4,000,000
2022	6	3,000,000	-
2012 QOL Funds:		10,000,000	10,000,000

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

City Council approved the following resolutions:

- NIP policies and scorecard – 07/29/2014
- Amended NIP scorecard – 11/14/2017

City Council approved the following rounds of NIP projects under the 2012 QOL Bond funds:

- Round 1 (18 projects) – 06/24/2014
- Round 2 (15 projects) – 06/23/2015
- Round 3 (20 projects) – 01/24/2017

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?


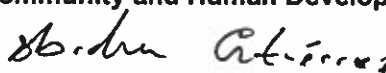
\$10,000,000 – 2012 Quality of Life Bond

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



Nicole Ferrini, Director, Community and Human Development

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 and civic 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 procurement, design, project and construction management, and contract compliance over a ten (10) year period; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2014, the City Council approved the expenditure of designated funds for the NIP Staff recommendations of projects for the first round of the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds NIP funding; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2014, the City Council approved the current policies for the Neighborhood Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2015, the City Council approved the expenditure of designated funds for the NIP Staff recommendations of projects for the second round of the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds NIP funding; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2017, the City Council approved the expenditure of designated funds for the NIP Staff recommendations of projects for the third round of the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds NIP funding; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2017, the Neighborhood Improvement Program scorecard was approved by the City Council;

WHEREAS, projects for the 4th round of funding are currently being evaluated,

WHEREAS, there are \$7,000,000 of funds allocated for rounds 4, 5, and 6; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Human Development recommends that the funds from round 6 be re-allocated to rounds 4 and 5.

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

That City Council hereby authorizes the distribution of the remaining \$7,000,000 in 2012 Quality of Life (QOL) funds dedicated to the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) by allocating \$3,000,000 to Round 4 and \$4,000,000 to Round 5. The Department of Community and Human Development is authorized to evaluate projects based on this new re-allocation of funds.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

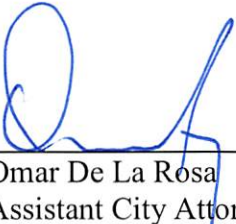
THE CITY OF EL PASO

Dee Margo,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Omar De La Rosa
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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