

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

DEPARTMENT: Community + Human Development
AGENDA DATE: November 26, 2019
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts
STRATEGIC GOAL: 8 – Nurture and promote a healthy 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:

Discussion and action on a resolution approving recommendations, as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Round 4 projects funded under the 2012 Quality of Life (QOL) bond. Total funding available for this current round is \$3,134,356 that includes rollover funds from previous rounds.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) is for recognized neighborhood and civic associations 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 QOL bond. A total of \$3 million is allocated for Round 4 and 25% (\$750,000) is set aside to cover engineering cost to include engineering services, design, procurement, and contract compliance. The remaining \$2,250,000 is allocated equally per District and is competitive among associations within the same District for project construction and contingency cost.

The following is the available NIP Round 4 project funds per District:

District	Round 4 Allocation	Round 3 Unallocated	Rounds 2 & 3 Remaining Balances	Round 4 Available Funds for Project Request
Dist 1	\$281,250	\$0	\$8,421	\$289,671
Dist 2	\$281,250	\$0	\$1,576	\$282,826
Dist 3	\$281,250	\$166	\$29,475	\$310,891
Dist 4	\$281,250	\$49,685	\$6,756	\$337,691
Dist 5	\$281,250	\$8,066	\$0	\$289,316
Dist 6	\$281,250	\$7,442	\$0	\$288,692
Dist 7	\$281,250	\$11,364	\$11,405	\$304,019
Dist 8	\$281,250	\$0	\$0	\$281,250
TOTAL:	\$2,250,000	\$76,723	\$57,633	\$2,384,356

A total of 56 applications were submitted for Round 4 with project requests totaling over \$9.1 million. City departments involved in potential implementation of projects reviewed project proposals for feasibility and those deemed feasible were forwarded to the Capital Improvement Department (CID) to develop cost estimates. Proposal review meetings were conducted between the applicant associations and applicable City departments to refine and finalize project scopes.

Each application was evaluated based on a Council-approved scorecard included in the application packet. A review team consisting of staff from Community + Human Development, Parks & Recreation, Streets & Maintenance, and AmeriCorps Vista Volunteers reviewed and scored the application sections. Recommendations for each District are based on fully funding the top scoring project followed by the next highest scoring proposal(s) that can be significantly completed within remaining funds. A total of 19 projects are being recommended, as set forth in Exhibit A.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

City Council approved the following resolutions:

- 07/29/2014 – NIP policies and scorecard
- 11/14/2017 – Amended NIP scorecard
- 10/15/2019 – Redistribution of remaining 2012 QOL funds

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

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

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

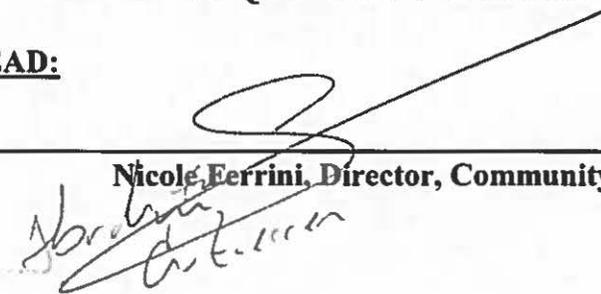
\$10,000,000 – 2012 Quality of Life Bond

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:


Nicole Ferrini, Director, Community and Human Development

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Improvement Program (“NIP”) initiates projects requested by recognized neighborhood and civic associations 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; and

WHEREAS, previous allocations (Rounds 1, 2 and 3) were approved and implemented by City Council on June 24, 2014, June 23, 2015 and January 24, 2017, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2017, the NIP scorecard was approved by the City Council;

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2019, the allocation of \$3,000,000 for the fourth round was approved by City Council;

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the applications and provided recommendations for the NIP projects to be approved by City Council in the fourth round of the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds NIP funding.

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

That City Council hereby approves the Neighborhood Improvement Program projects for expenditure of designated NIP funds in the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds, said projects specifically set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

APPROVED this _____ day of November 2019.

CITY OF EL PASO

Dee Margo
Mayor

ATTEST:

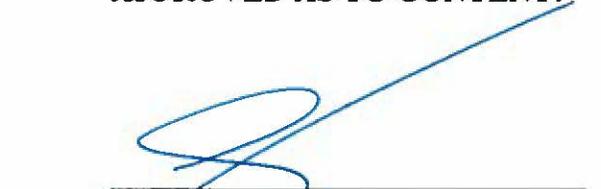
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Omar De La Rosa
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



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Exhibit A
Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) – Round 4 Recommended Projects

DISTRICT 1

Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget
Upper Mesa Hills	N. Stanton pedestrian path (delineators)	\$67,671
Kern Place	Madeline Park improvements (walking path curb)	\$127,000
Rim Area	Rim Area residential street signs	\$95,000
Total:		\$289,671

DISTRICT 2

Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget
Radford Hills	Haddox Family Park improvements (canopy)	\$160,826
Mountain View	Mountain View Park improvements (walking path)	\$72,000
Manhattan Heights	Manhattan Heights Historic archway illumination	\$50,000
Total:		\$282,826

DISTRICT 3

Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget
El Paso Lower Valley	Balsam sidewalk gap	\$26,000
Valley View Crest Hills	Aztec and Mescalero traffic circle	\$104,000
Corbin Sambrano	Seville Recreation Center improvements (canopy)	\$180,891
Total:		\$310,891

DISTRICT 4

Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget
Mesquite Hills	North Skies Park improvements (playground)	\$296,691
Castner Heights	Todd Ware Park improvements (benches/trees)	\$41,000
Total:		\$337,691

DISTRICT 5

Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget
Lomas del Este	Brisa Del Este Park improvements (shelter/picnic tables)	\$289,316
Total:		\$289,316

DISTRICT 6

Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget
Mission Valley Civic	Pueblo Viejo Park improvements (canopies)	\$255,692
Valle de las Misiones	Salamanca and Penjamo ADA ramps	\$33,000
Total:		\$288,692

DISTRICT 7

Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget
Santa Lucia	N. Carolina retaining wall	\$119,019
Palm Grove	Palm Grove Park improvements (walking trail/picnic tables)	\$110,000
Travis White	Travis White Park improvements (swings)	\$75,000
Total:		\$304,019

DISTRICT 8

Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget
Mesa Hills	Crestmont Park improvements (playground)	\$181,250
Sunset Heights	Sunset Heights and Old San Francisco Historic Districts residential street signs	\$100,000
Total:		\$281,250