



El Paso County Agenda Item Details

Item Title:	Economic Development - National Parks Service Mission Trail Technical Assistance Program Service Extension Request Letter (2025-0206)
Submitted By:	Roberto Ransom, Director
Department:	Economic Development
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Subject:	Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign a letter formally requesting another year of services from the National Parks Service for the technical assistance they are currently providing on the "El Paso Mission Trail: Heritage on the Move" project. No funding is associated with this request. (Contract No. 2025-0206)
Background:	<p>Recent Background: The purpose of this letter is to formally request another year of services from the National Parks Service for the technical assistance they are currently providing on the "El Paso Mission Trail: Heritage on the Move" project.</p> <p>Original Background: The National Park Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (RTCA) supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. This partnership assists local communities in realizing their conservation and outdoor recreation vision and goals by providing a broad range of services and skills. No monetary grants are made.</p> <p>On May 15, 2024, the City of El Paso and El Paso Chamber of Commerce were awarded for their application seeking technical assistance through this program for the Spring 2024 through Summer 2025 project cycle. The project, titled History and Developing Infrastructure and Assets for the Mission Trail, was awarded with the intent to provide assistance focused on the Mission Trail in developing transportation, safety and equitable access infrastructure and researching possibilities for a UNESCO designation. Specific outcomes include opportunities for community planning and engagement to improve physical and emotional connections with the Mission Trail in Ysleta del</p>

Sur Pueblo, Socorro, and San Elizario.

The City has approached County Economic Development staff to partner in being a recipient of this project award. The City will retain its role as the fiscal agent and is responsible for allocating three staff members. There are no performance reports associated with this program, as it focuses on technical assistance (no funding involved). The County will serve as the lead jurisdiction under the City (who is the project's fiscal agent). Staff is seeking direction from the Commissioner's Court regarding this opportunity.

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Impact Historical
N/A

Fiscal Impact Projected
N/A

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match:

Recommendation:

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Prior Action:

6/10/24: Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the County's participation as the lead agency for the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program Grant Opportunity secured by the City of El Paso and El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

3. Increase Tourism

Objective:

3.3 Implementation of Mission Trails Master Plan

Strategic Plan Information:

N/A

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**