



**El Paso County
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title: Parks & Rec/ Community Forestry Grants FY26/ El Paso County Tree Canopy Project (2025-0134)

Submitted By: Timothy Fulton, Interim Director

Department: Parks and Recreation

Department Phone Number: 915-771-2380

Subject: GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for the FY26 Texas A & M Forestry Service, Community Forestry Grant Program for El Paso County's Tree Canopy Project from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, in the amount of \$50,000. A match in the amount of \$50,000 is required and will be met In-Kind by the Department. (Contract No. 2025-0134)

Background: El Paso County will be planting 350 trees in three neighborhood parks. Gallegos Park, located at 7361 Bosque Rd 79835, Canutillo, is a 62.6-acre park that suffers from runoff. Agua Dulce Park, located at 15371 Kentwood 79928, is a 9.1-acre park that needs shade coverage. Ascarate Park, located at 6900 Delta Drive 79905, is 407.8 acres. The locations identified for this proposal notably lack tree coverage, the surrounding neighborhoods suffer from severe flooding due to runoff from heavy rains

Fiscal Impact: Fiscal Impact Historical
None

Fiscal Impact Projected
Grant Amount \$ 50,000.00 – In-Kind \$50,000.00

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match: Match required. Department using In-Kind Match

Recommendation: GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for the FY26 Texas A & M Forestry Service, Community Forestry Grant Program for El Paso County's Tree Canopy Project from October 1, 2025,

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Prior Action:

None

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

4. Upgrade Infrastructure

Objective:

4.1 Build infrastructure, including parks, to meet the needs of the community

Strategic Plan Information:

Plant trees to increase tree canopy

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**

Grant is due February 14, 2025