



**El Paso County  
Agenda Item Details**

<b>Item Title:</b>	Parks & Rec / El Paso County Tree Canopy Project / Tornillo, Estrella & Sportpark / FY26 Community Forestry Grants Application
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Timothy Fulton, Director
<b>Department:</b>	Parks and Recreation
<b>Department Phone Number:</b>	915-771-2380
<b>Subject:</b>	GRANT APPLICATION - Approve and authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for the FY26 Texas A & M Community Forestry, Tree Planting Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. A \$20,000.00 In-Kind match is required. (Contract No. 2025-0223)
<b>Background:</b>	Parks and Rec will be utilizing the grant funding to purchase and plant 155 trees. The trees will be planted using the assistance of volunteers at the following locations: Sports park located at 1780 Zaragoza, a 45.3-acre special use park; Estrella Park, located at 14590 Greg Drive, a 5-acre neighborhood park, and Tornillo Coyote Park, located at 600 OT Smith Road, is a 14.4-acre park. These trees will provide needed shade coverage, help reduce noise pollution, soil erosion, assist with maintaining a healthy ecosystem, and finally fill in the gaps after dead trees have been removed.
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	Fiscal Impact Historical None. New Grant  Fiscal Impact Projected None. In-kind match will be used  Long Account Number: Amount:  Long Account Number: Amount:
<b>Budget or Unbudgeted Match:</b>	\$20,000.00 from In-Kind will be used as match.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	GRANT APPLICATION: Approve and authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for the FY26 Texas A & M

Community Forestry, Tree Planting Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from 10/1/2025 to 9/30/2026. A match is required, the department will use \$20,000.00 from In-Kind Match. (Contract No. 2025-0223).

**Prior Action:**

None. New Grant

**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 expand the shade coverage square footage for El Paso County.

**Estimated Time Needed  
For This Item:**