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**El Paso County  
Agenda Item Details**

<b>Item Title:</b>	FY25 NIP Project - Tornillo Veterans Memorial
<b>Submitted By:</b>	Michael McElroy, Director
<b>Department:</b>	Planning and Development
<b>Department Phone Number:</b>	915-273-3330
<b>Subject:</b>	Approve and authorize the acceptance of the fiscal year 2025 Neighborhood Improvement Program project award for a proposed veterans memorial in Tornillo, Texas.
<b>Background:</b>	In the FY25 budget, the Commissioners Court provided \$125,000 for Neighborhood Improvement Program projects within El Paso County. The Tornillo Neighborhood Association was the lone applicant for the FY25 round and has submitted a viable project for the construction of a Veterans Memorial at Coyote Park. The Planning & Development Department, Parks Department, and Public Works conducted due diligence per the program guidelines in reviewing and scoring the application.
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	<p>Fiscal Impact Historical</p> <p>Fiscal Impact Projected Funding is available in the amount of \$125,000 GF-NEIGIMPRVPGM- CAP OUT-RENOV</p> <p>Long Account Number: Amount:</p> <p>Long Account Number: COGF-1000-0000000-431-60-80000-0474-00000-703001- Amount: \$125,000.00</p>
<b>Budget or Unbudgeted Match:</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve and authorize the acceptance of the fiscal year 2025 Neighborhood Improvement Program project award for a proposed veterans memorial in Tornillo, Texas.
<b>Prior Action:</b>	None
<b>Strategic Plan:</b>	Goal:  null

Objective:

**Strategic Plan Information:**

**Estimated Time Needed  
For This Item:**

10 minutes



# **Tornillo Veterans Memorial NIP Project Proposal**

*Planning & Development Department  
March 24, 2025*

# *Background*

- Neighborhood Association Order – 2020
- Neighborhood Improvement Program Order - 2024



# *NIP Policy Overview*

- Fund small-scale neighborhood-identified improvements
- Dependent on inclusion in budget
- Provide equitable distribution across precincts
- Projects vetted for cost & constructability by County staff
- Highly developed scoring matrix to select projects
  - Impactful
  - Desirable
  - Achievable
- Funding provided through the FY 2025 budget in the amount of \$125,000



# General Eligibility

## ■ Applicants

- Registered County Neighborhood Associations
- Association applicants in process (must complete by project start)

## ■ Project Selection

- Outside jurisdictional boundary of municipality
- If within municipality, upon County-owned property or Right-of-Way
- Small-scale, permanent physical improvements (~10 year expected life span)
- Located no further than ¼ mile outside Association boundary
- Traffic calming request must have warranted study conducted





# TORNILLO VETERANS MEMORIAL

**GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.** THIS VETERANS MEMORIAL EMBODIES THE SIX U.S. MILITARY BRANCHES IN THE FORM OF SIX SHARP AND CLEAN "ROLLING" CUBES, ALL TILTED AND ANGLED DIFFERENTLY TO REPRESENT A VETERANS CONTINUOUS AND EVERLASTING LEGACY IN OUR NATION AND COMMUNITY.

IN EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE TORNILLO COMMUNITY, THIS MEMORIAL CREATES A SIGNIFICANT NODE BETWEEN A POPULAR WALK PATH AND COYOTE PARK, MAKING THIS A SEAMLESS EXPERIENCE FOR ALL TO SEE AND REMEMBER THE GREAT SACRIFICE OUR VETERANS MADE AND CONTINUE TO MAKE FOR OUR COUNTRY.





# Project Evaluation Component

- Tornillo Neighborhood Association was the only applicant by March 1, the submission deadline.
- A cross-functional review from the Parks, Planning & Public Works departments was administered
- Reviewed all components and criteria to ensure a comprehensive and fair evaluation
- Ensured a thorough evaluation of both the strategic importance and practical execution of the project application
- Evaluated the feasibility of the project by examining the proposed budget and allocation of resources
- Team Scoring
  - Out of 100 points the association scored **81.50** points

Category	Max Points
Pre-Application & Technical Merit	5
Project Goal	3
Project Background	10
Project Description	10
Project Map	5
Project Picture / Illustration	5
Neighborhood Support	20
Project Budget	5
County Strategic Plan Alignment	25
Previous Funding	10
Re-Submitted Feasible Application	2
Point Total	100

# Project Cost

Option No.	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Features	Full (as Depicted)	Static Cubes & Flagpoles	Flagpoles, Minor Landscape, Solar Lights	Static Cubes Only
A & E	\$ 25,514.52	\$ -	\$ -	
Construction	\$ 212,621.04	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
Contingency (20%)	\$ 42,524.21	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 17,250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$280,659.77</b>	<b>\$ 174,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 143,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 132,250.00</b>

- The project cannot be completed within \$125,000
- Staff presents 4 options, from providing the project as envisioned/rendered to a minimal-amenity project
- The lowest cost option exceeds the existing budget
- Recommend Option 4



# Questions & Recommendations