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**El Paso County
Agenda Item Details**

Item Title:	FY25 NIP Project - Tornillo Veterans Memorial
Submitted By:	Michael McElroy, Director
Department:	Planning and Development
Department Phone Number:	915-273-3330
Subject:	Approve and authorize the acceptance of the fiscal year 2025 Neighborhood Improvement Program project award for a proposed veterans memorial in Tornillo, Texas.
Background:	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.
Fiscal Impact:	<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>
Budget or Unbudgeted Match:	
Recommendation:	Approve and authorize the acceptance of the fiscal year 2025 Neighborhood Improvement Program project award for a proposed veterans memorial in Tornillo, Texas.
Prior Action:	None
Strategic Plan:	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 1/4 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
TOTAL	\$280,659.77	\$ 174,000.00	\$ 143,750.00	\$ 132,250.00

- 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