



# Quality of Life Zoo Funding – Penguin Exhibit and South American Exhibit Restrooms

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**Goal 8: Nurture and promote a healthy, sustainable community**

*8.1 Deliver prevention intervention, and mobilization services to promote a healthy, productive, and safe community*



# El Paso Zoo Projects

## Completed Projects

Project	Allocation	Status	Completion Year
African Wild Dog Exhibit	\$ 450,657	Complete	2016
Education Animal Holding	\$ 562,549	Complete	2016
Event Tent & Restrooms	\$ 2,000,923	Complete	2016
Reptile Building Completion	\$ 679,825	Complete	2016
Wildlife Theatre Stadium	\$ 1,910,960	Complete	2016
Africa Wetlands River Hog Exhibit	\$ 678,597	Complete	2017
Animal Holding Bldg 1	\$ 398,074	Complete	2017
South American Aviary Exh Upgrade	\$ 369,535	Complete	2017
Carousel Site/Asian Gateway	\$ 1,275,675	Complete	2018
Chihuahuan Desert Exhibit	\$ 16,441,553	Complete	2019
Elephant Exhibit Rehab	\$ 565,500	Complete	2019
Kalahari Discovery Center	\$ 123,192	Complete	2020
Total	\$ 25,457,041		



*Reptile House*



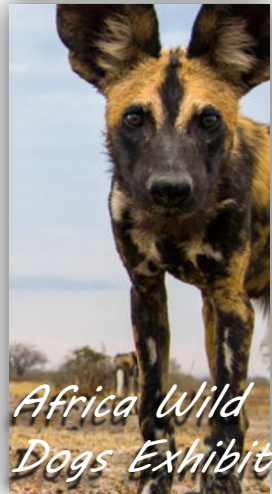
*Giraffe Exhibit*



# El Paso Zoo Completed Projects



*Asia Gateway*



*Africa Wild Dogs Exhibit*



*Wildlife Theatre*



*Copper Canyon Challenge*



*Red River Hog Exhibit*



*South America Aviary*



*Luna*



*The Chihuahuan Desert*



*Event Tent Canopy*



*Event Tent Pavilion*



*Endangered Species Carousel*



# Public Art Installations at the Zoo



L'Mara



Pursuit



Persistencia

# El Paso Zoo Projects Active Projects

Project	Allocation		Completion
Africa Bird Indoor Hold Area	\$300,000	Pre-Design	Spring 2022
Alligator Exhibit	\$685,950	Pre-Design	Spring 2023
Animal Holding Bldg. 2	\$875,336	Bidding	Early 2022
Animal Management	\$379,165	Ongoing	Winter 2023
Education Discovery Center	\$98,175	Design	TBD
Endangered Species Center	\$712,800	Planning Phase	Spring 2023
Galapagos Exhibit	\$573,029	Pre-Design	Winter 2022
Komodo Dragon Exhibit	\$4,323,900	Pre-Design	Spring 2023
Leopard Exhibit Renovation	\$332,775	Design	Spring 2022
Penguin Exhibit	\$4,752,497	Bidding	Fall 2022
South America Pavilion Restrooms	\$413,826	Construction	Fall 2022
Sea Lion Exhibit Upgrade	\$676,082	Bidding	Summer 2021
Support Elements - Shaded Concessions	\$316,592	Planning Phase	Early 2022
South American Pavilion Improvements	\$413,826	Bidding	Fall 2021
Support Elements Zoo Wide	\$6,332,000	Ongoing	Winter 2023
Vet Service Road - Support Elements	\$-	Planning Phase	Winter 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,185,953</b>		





# El Paso Zoo Penguin Exhibit

- The 2012 Quality of Life bond allocated \$50,000,000 for zoo improvements in accordance with the master plan.
- To date, approximately \$25,000,000 has been expended on zoo projects; an additional \$21,000,000 is budgeted for active zoo projects.
- Price Increases:
  - Material and Labor Costs post pandemic
  - Estimates have now been updated to match the final design
  - Enhance the customer experience
  - Updated standards to protect the health and welfare of the animals.



*Artistic Rendering – Penguin Exhibit*

# El Paso Zoo Penguin Exhibit

- The approved budget for the Penguin Exhibit and South American Restrooms is \$5,166,324; the required funding to complete the exhibit is \$6,666,324 leaving a funding variance of \$1,500,000.
- Staff is recommending reprogramming funds from zoo projects that have not yet been initiated to cover the shortfall.



*Artistic Rendering – Penguin Exhibit*

# El Paso Zoo Penguin Exhibit Funding Recommendation

- The Zoo has reviewed their work program and is recommending deferring the following projects to fully fund the exhibit:

Project	Allocation	Expended to Date	Phase	Recommendation
Alligator Exhibit	\$685,950	\$0	Pre-design	Transfer budget to Penguin Exhibit
African Bird Indoor Holding	\$294,230	\$0	Pre-design	Transfer budget to Penguin Exhibit
Komodo Dragon Exhibit	\$4,323,900	\$0	Pre-design	Transfer \$519,820 of the budget to Penguin Exhibit

- Zoo to continue to evaluate program and available funding.
- Zoo to continue pursuit of outside funding (grants/donations)



## Discussion ?



### Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



### Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



### Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People