

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Community + Human Development

AGENDA DATE: June 22, 2022

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: 8- Nurture and promote a healthy, sustainable community
4- Enhance El Paso's quality of life through recreation, cultural, and educational environments

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a resolution approving recommendation, as set forth in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, for the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Round 5 projects funded under the 2012 Quality of Life (QOL) bond, and Round 4 Project Adjustment/Reallocations.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) is for recognized neighborhood and civic associations to request small-scale improvement projects on City-owned property or public-right-of-way to provide additional amenities and/or aesthetic appeal.

NIP is funded at \$10 million under the 2012 QOL bond. A total of 4 million is allocated for Round 5 and 25% (\$1,000,000) is set aside to cover engineering cost to include engineering services, design, procurement, and contract compliance. The remaining \$3 million is allocated equally per District and is competitive among associations within the same District for project constructions and contingency cost. Total funding available for this round is \$4,400,500.00 that includes rollover funds from previous rounds.

The follow is the available NIP Round 5 project funds per District:

District	Round 5 Allocation	Round 4 Rollover	Round 5 Available Funds for Project Request*
Dist 1	\$375,000	\$84,415.08	\$459,415.08
Dist 2	\$375,000	\$81,173.00	\$456,173.00
Dist 3	\$375,000	\$7,141.13	\$382,141.13
Dist 4	\$375,000	\$778.46	\$375,778.46
Dist 5	\$375,000	\$116,813.34	\$491,813.34
Dist 6	\$375,000	\$32,026.94	\$407,026.94
Dist 7	\$375,000	\$58,667.26	\$433,667.26
Dist 8	\$375,000	\$19,538.25	\$394,538.25

TOTAL:	\$3,000,000	\$400,553.46	\$3,400,533.46
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* Does not include the \$1M set aside used for engineering costs

A total of 47 applications were submitted for Round 5. City departments involved in potential implementation of projects reviewed project proposals for feasibility and those deemed feasible were forwarded to the Capital Improvement Department (CID) to develop cost estimates. Proposal review meetings were conducted between the applicant associations and applicable City departments to refine and finalize project scopes.

Each application was evaluated based on a Council-approved scorecard included in the application packet. A review team consisting of staff from Community + Human Development, Parks & Recreation, Capital Improvement, and Streets & Maintenance reviewed and scored the application sections. Recommendations for each District are based on fully funding the top scoring project followed by the next highest scoring proposal(s) that can be significantly completed within remaining funds. A total of 19 projects are being recommended, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Round 4 Project Deletion: Staff is recommending the deletion of the North Stanton Pedestrian pathway approved in the Round 4 allocation in 2019 and applying the funds to the Round 5 allocation. The Upper Mesa Hills Neighborhood Association rejected the project proposal of delineators to form a pedestrian pathway, as set forth in Exhibit B.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

City Council approved the following resolutions:

- 07/29/2014 – NIP policies and scorecard
- 11/14/2017 – Amended NIP scorecard
- 10/15/2019 – Redistribution of remaining 2012 QOL funds

City Council approved the following rounds of NIP projects under the 2012 QOL Bond funds:

- 06/24/2014 – Round 1 (18 projects)
- 06/23/2015 – Round 2 (15 projects)
- 01/24/2017 – Round 3 (20 projects)
- 11/26/2019 – Round 4 (19 projects)

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$10,000,000 – 2012 Quality of Life Bond

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD:  _____

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Improvement Program (“NIP”) initiates projects requested by recognized neighborhood and civic associations for permanent public improvements that benefit neighborhood residents and the general public at large; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the citizens of El Paso, Texas approved the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds, which included funding for the NIP; and

WHEREAS, the NIP’s total budget made available from the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds is \$10,000,000.00 to be apportioned equally among El Paso’s eight Representative Districts for eligible public improvement projects and program administration costs; and

WHEREAS, previous allocations (Rounds 1, 2 and 3) were approved and implemented by City Council on June 24, 2014, June 23, 2015 and January 24, 2017, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2017, the NIP scorecard was approved by the City Council;

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2019, the allocation of \$3,000,000 for the fourth round was approved by City Council;

WHEREAS, on _____ 2022, the allocation of \$4,000,000 for the fifth round was approved by City Council;

WHEREAS, City staff has reviewed the applications and provided recommendations for the NIP projects to be approved by City Council in the fifth round of the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds NIP funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That City Council hereby approves the Neighborhood Improvement Program projects for expenditure of designated NIP funds in the 2012 Quality of Life Bonds, said projects specifically set forth in Exhibits "A" and “B”, attached hereto.

(Signatures begin on following page)

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

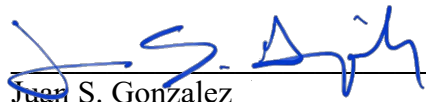
CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

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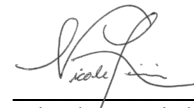
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Senior City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nicole Ferrini, Director
Community and Human Development

Exhibit A

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) – Round 5 Recommended Projects

District	Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Project Budget	Total Budget (Includes Rollover)
1	Coronado Hills	Broadmoor, Thunderbird, Pinehurst, and Singing Hills - Reflective markers on striping and raised markers	\$84,216.00	
	Rim Area	Upper Tom Lea Park - trash cans, park lights	\$114,048.00	
	Montoya Garden	Little River Park- 3' rock wall and security camera system	\$203,060.00	
	Borderland	Borderland Park- (Partial fund), security camera system	\$58,091.00	
				\$459,415.00
2	Sunrise	Sunrise Park- (9) exercise equipment	\$121,550.00	
	Manhattan Heights	Memorial Park - (2) Park lights	\$46,200.00	
	Normandy	Normandy Park - Park lights	\$39,600.00	
	Chivas Town	Grandview Park- (Partial Fund) (6) 3" Caliper trees, water audit	\$75,000.00	
				\$282,350.00
3	El Paso Lower Valley	Balsam Street- Streetlights	\$148,500.00	
	Stiles Garden	Stiles Park- Canopy and picnic tables	\$172,015.00	
				\$320,515.00
4	Castner Heights	Todd Ware Park- 30x30 metal canopy, (3) picnic tables, concrete slab, irrigation modifications	\$347,715.00	
				\$347,715.00

5	East Cave	East Cave Park- basketball court, (4) tables	<i>\$216,480.00</i>	\$407,880.00
	Coyote Park	Coyote Park- basketball court	<i>\$191,400.00</i>	
6	Ranchos Del Sol	Rancho Del Sol Park- Walking path, (1) bench, (3) trees, Playground Equipment, Playground wood fiber, irrigation modifications	<i>\$290,883.00</i>	\$290,883.00
7	Penrose	Marion Manor Park- (5) tables with canopy, (6) trash cans, playground canopy	<i>\$176,182.00</i>	\$425,153.00
	Lomaland	E. L. Williams Park- (2) canopies over bleachers	<i>\$130,171.00</i>	
	Playa	Playa Drain (Knights to Shawver Park)- (Partial Fund) (60) bollards	<i>\$118,800.00</i>	
8	Washington Delta	Washington Park- exercise equipment with safety surface, sidewalk (900sy), lime stabilization (900sy), irrigation modifications	<i>\$295,374.00</i>	\$349,214.00
	Zach White	Coach Jack D. Quarles Park- Park lights	<i>\$53,840.00</i>	

Exhibit B

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) – Round 4 Project Adjustments/Reallocations

Round 4 NIP

District	Neighborhood Association	Project Title	Budget	Recommendation
1	Upper Mesa Hills	N. Stanton pedestrian path (delineators)	\$67,671	Delete project due to project infeasibility.