

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

AGENDA DATE: February 13, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A
CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Omar Martinez, Grants & Strat. Initiatives Manager, 915-479-0341
Yvette Hernandez, P.E., City Engineer, 915-212-0065
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts
STRATEGIC GOAL: No 7: Enhance and Sustain El Paso's Infrastructure Network
No 8: Nurture & Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community
SUBGOAL: N/A

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action requesting Council support for Eco El Paso's grant application to the Texas A&M Forest Service FY24 Community Forestry Grants program

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City of El Paso and the Paso del Norte Community Foundation are providing technical assistance to Eco El Paso to apply to the Texas A&M Forest Service FY24 Community Forestry Grants program as part of the El Paso Million Trees Initiative. Eco El Paso is requesting a \$20,000 grant for tree planting, site development, irrigation, transportation, and staffing to plant 400 trees in historically disadvantaged communities (HDC) in El Paso County.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

\$20,000 – El Paso Downtown Tree Plan

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: Capital Improvement Department

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Yvette Hernandez



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Eco El Paso is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit focused on sustainability in the desert climate of the City of El Paso (the “City”); and

WHEREAS, Eco El Paso initiated a tree planting program entitled “Million Trees El Paso”; and

WHEREAS, Million Trees El Paso’s mission is to plant and care for at least one million native or drought-tolerant trees across the City, with the goal of restoring the City’s tree canopy cover and reducing the heat island effect, while creating environmental and aesthetic benefits; and

WHEREAS, Eco El Paso intends to apply for a Community Forestry Grant through the Texas A&M Forest Service (the “Grant”); and

WHEREAS, if selected for the Grant, Eco El Paso would use the funds to plant trees, train tree stewards, and encourage local participation and service under the umbrella of 915 Treekeepers; and

WHEREAS, the City has actively collaborated with Eco El Paso in the 915 Tree Keepers program, with a current allocation of \$86,500 to that program; and

WHEREAS, Eco El Paso has asked the City for its support in Eco El Paso’s submission of an application to the Texas A&M Forest Service FY24 Community Forestry Grants program.

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

THAT the City of El Paso supports Eco El Paso in its submission of a grant application to the Texas A&M Forest Service FY24 Community Forestry Grants program.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

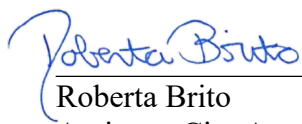
THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leaser
Mayor

ATTEST:

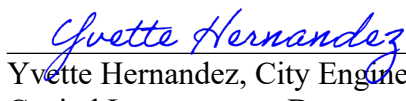
Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Roberta Brito
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Yvette Hernandez, City Engineer
Capital Improvement Department