

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Park and Recreation - Highland Hills

Park Roadway and Parking

Improvements

Recovery Plan

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

2025 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The Park and Recreation Department at the City of Fort Worth received \$1,000,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act, Subtitle M (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) to make improvements to Highland Hills Park. This park was dedicated to the community in 1968 and consists of 28 acres with a playground, tennis and basketball courts, walking trails, baseball and soccer fields, and a community center. With two entry roads and parking lots, this park is well used by the residents of the Highland Hills Community. Access to the southern portion of the park is provided at the end of Engblad Drive, with both the road surface and parking surfaces in need of repair. This project will provide a new driving surface, parking areas, and improved access for people with disabilities.

Uses of Funds

Expenditure Category: 2.22-Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Promoting equitable outcomes

The Highland Hills Park Improvements project will provide infrastructure enhancements to a historically underserved area within the City of Fort Worth. The park is situated in a Super Minority-Majority Area (SMMA).

Goals and Targets. By using the SLFRF program, the City has the ability to advance the timing of improvements to the Park. This funding affords the City the opportunity to make much-needed improvements much sooner than current funding levels will allow.

Community Engagement

The City's Community Engagement Office works with residents to build a strong community by providing information about city initiatives and programs and opportunities to participate, give feedback, and volunteer. In addition, City Council district offices hold community meetings and support neighborhood associations by providing information about City projects and amenities available to citizens. The Community Engagement office also uses GovDelivery, social media, Next Door, and online newsletters to notify residents regarding the project.

Labor Practices

The standard City construction contract incorporates language related to hiring practices and minimum wage rates that apply to contractors awarded a project by the City. Furthermore, the City's Diversity and Inclusion department assigns goals for minority and/or women-owned business enterprise participation. Those goals are monitored throughout the life of a project.

Use of Evidence

This project will be monitored throughout the design and construction process to ensure the project goals are achieved. Throughout the design process, the project will incorporate the

standard of care expected of a professional design consultant, coupled with periodic peer reviews. During construction, the work will be inspected by a qualified inspector employed by the City's Transportation and Public Works Department. In addition, material testing will be performed by a qualified and independent testing lab. Evidence of project performance and testing will be maintained in the project file, subject to audit at the conclusion of the project.

Performance Report

For this project, performance is based on adherence to the project schedule, managing the project budget, and meeting the requirements of the construction contract. While there are no public-facing tools designed to provide performance indicators, there will be routine internal reporting to City leadership.

Reporting occurs weekly during less formal staff meetings. On a monthly basis, a more formal meeting occurs with project status updates in all three areas identified above. Deviations in performance criteria are noted and provided to City leadership at that meeting.