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January 12, 2007

The Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
PO Box 1356
Edinburg, TX 78740-1356

Re: Grant Application – HIDALGO COUNTY San Juan Recreation Center

Dear Judge Garcia:

This letter is to inform you that your application for grant assistance is scheduled for review by the Parks and Wildlife Commission at their public hearing on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at Department Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Enclosed is a copy of the Department staff recommendation for your project. Please call 512/912-7124 if you have any questions or need directions if you plan to attend the hearing.

Sincerely,

Tim Hogsett, CPRP
Director
Recreation Grants Branch

TH:RE

Enclosure



Take a kid
hunting or fishing



Visit a state park
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PROJECT SPONSOR:

HIDALGO COUNTY

PROJECT: North San Juan Recreation Center

MATCHING FUNDS

REQUESTED: \$417,563

LOCATION: San Juan, Hidalgo County

DISCUSSION:

Hidalgo County Precinct 2 requests support to acquire 6.83 acres of publicly-owned non-parkland from the City of San Juan and construct a 12,146-sq. ft. recreation center and a 7,094 sq. ft. enclosed pavilion located in the north area of the City of San Juan. Proposed development includes classrooms, game room, aerobics room, dance room, music room, weight room, quilting room, arts and crafts room, pavilion, restroom, storage rooms, and offices. The local match consists of county funds and a donation of city-owned non-parkland by the City of San Juan. The total cost of the project is \$1.0 million.

STATUS OF ACTIVE PROJECTS AS OF 12/12/2006

Project Number	Project Name	Date Approved	Date Expires	Funds Approved	A&D	Funds Reimbursed	% Reimbursed
50-00308	North San Juan Park	08/29/2002	07/31/2007	\$500,000	A&D	-0-	-0-

Status Construction substantially complete. Billings for at least \$500,000 on hold for deed, land payment, and open space dedication.

RECOMMENDATION:

Do not support the project due to limited grant funds. The project has been reviewed twice by the Commission and cannot be reconsidered without revisions in the proposal to substantially increase the project score.

SUPPORT IN

MATCHING FUNDS: -0-



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Re: Grant Application – HIDALGO COUNTY J.R. Milo Ponce Park

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PROJECT SPONSOR: HIDALGO COUNTY

PROJECT: J.R. "Milo" Ponce Memorial Park

**MATCHING FUNDS
REQUESTED: \$400,000**

LOCATION: Edinburg, Hidalgo County

DISCUSSION:

Hidalgo County Precinct 4 requests support to develop 20 acre J.R. "Milo" Ponce Memorial Park located near Edinburg in the central area of the county. Proposed development includes 2 soccer fields, 2 volleyball courts, 2 basketball courts, 9 sheltered picnic tables with grills, playground, sand box, jogging track with 4 exercise stations, 2 restrooms, utilities, landscaping, sidewalks, lighting, irrigation, and program signs. The local match consists of county funds, labor, equipment and materials, and a CDBG grant.

STATUS OF ACTIVE PROJECTS AS OF 12/12/2006

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50-00308	North San Juan Park	08/29/2002	07/31/2007	\$500,000	A&D	-0-	-0-
Status	Construction substantially complete. Billings for at least \$500,000 on hold for deed, land payment, and open space dedication.						

RECOMMENDATION:

Do not support the project due to limited grant funds. The project may be resubmitted for future consideration.

SUPPORT IN

MATCHING FUNDS: -0-