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Dear Mr. Trevino:

I am pleased to inform you that earlier today the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission awarded National Recreational Trails Grant funds and your Hidalgo County Trails project was awarded \$100,000 of grant funding. Congratulations, competition for funding was fierce with over twice the request for funds as funds available.

We now begin environmental and historical resource reviews of the awarded projects. After these reviews are completed, I will make arrangements to meet with you and view the trail site and proposed work to be accomplished with the grant funds. At this time, you will receive copies of our billing procedures and a project agreement to execute.

→ \$25,000 cash match

Please remember that this program will only reimburse you for 80% of the project cost, up to the amount approved, for costs incurred after the project agreement has been fully executed. Do not start your project or incur any costs until this agreement is signed by all parties. By law, you can not be reimbursed for costs incurred prior to the execution of the project agreement.

Please feel free to contact me at (512) 912-7128 if you have any questions. Again, congratulations for developing such a worthy trail project and compiling a successful grant application.

Sincerely,

Andrew Goldbloom
Program Manager

Enclosure



Take a kid
hunting or fishing

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Visit a state park
or historic site

COST ESTIMATE FOR CITY OF McALLEN WALK/HIKE PATH

PHASE I - Walk/Hike Path (Bryan Rd to Shary Rd)						
	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	UNIT COST	AMOUNT	
	A1	Grubbing and removal (14' Wide removal)	14,800	SY	\$0.50	\$7,400.00
	A2	4" Crushed Granite with Sealer (8' Wide Path)	9,514	LF	\$10.50	\$99,897.00
	A3	Concrete Bench with Small Roof Structure	3	EA	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
	A4	Trash Cans	3	EA	\$300.00	\$900.00
		SUBTOTAL				\$115,697.00
899 →		10% Contingency				\$11,569.70
		TOTAL PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS COST:				\$127,266.70

\$100,000.00 → State TPW

\$ 27,266.70 →

PHASE II - Walk/Hike Path (Conway Ave to Bryan Rd)						
	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	UNIT COST	AMOUNT	
	B1	Grubbing and removal (14' Wide removal)	10,752	SY	\$0.70	\$7,526.40
	B2	4" Crushed Granite with Sealer (8' Wide Path)	6,912	LF	\$11.00	\$76,032.00
	B3	Concrete Bench with Small Roof Structure	3	EA	\$2,750.00	\$8,250.00
	B4	Trash Cans	3	EA	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
		SUBTOTAL				\$93,008.40
		10% Contingency				\$9,300.84
		TOTAL PHASE II IMPROVEMENTS COST:				\$102,309.24

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS FUND AGREEMENT

This agreement between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (hereinafter TPWD) and Hidalgo County (hereinafter Sponsor) for construction of a recreational trail in Hidalgo County, Texas is made under Texas Recreational Trails Fund.

BACKGROUND

The TPWD Recreational Trails Program, which administers the Texas Recreational Trails Fund (hereinafter TRTF) made available under the National Recreational Trails Act (hereinafter The Act), awards reimbursement-type grants to eligible public entities and private organizations to be used on trails and trail-related projects. To be eligible, the project must have been planned and developed under existing federal laws and state laws, and all related policies and administrative procedures; and

Hidalgo County, eligible under The Act, made a grant application for a suitable trail project and was awarded a TRTF grant.

THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and benefits hereof, TPWD and the Sponsor hereby agree as follows:

TERMS

Sponsor will conduct resource assessments, construct a 9,500 linear foot long +/- recreational trail and install benches and trash cans along the drainage structure from Bryan Road to Shary Road in accordance with approved plan (hereinafter the Project) by August 31, 2010.

While doing any work under the terms of this agreement, Sponsor will adhere to all requirements established for the National Recreational Trails Fund including those set out in Procedural Guidelines, Project Development and Grant Reimbursement Procedures, and Acquisition Project Procedures and by the signature of its authorized agent below asserts that it had read all of the foregoing requirements.

The undersigned is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 or Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and offers all persons the opportunity to participate in programs or activities regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. Further, it is agreed that no individual will be turned away or otherwise denied access to or benefit from any program or activity that is directly associated with a program on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

Sponsor will properly and adequately maintain the Project into the foreseeable future so that it is available and safe for use by the public.

TPWD and Sponsor agree that the total cost of the Project is estimated to be One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) and that reimbursement to Sponsor for work performed under this agreement will not exceed Eighty Percent (80%) of the project cost up to the grant funds approved, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). Sponsor will be paid up to \$100,000 after submitting acceptable billings to TPWD for approved work

Sponsor may begin site planning and resource assessment work after execution of this agreement. After the project is cleared of resource impacts, by TPWD, the Texas Historical Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for potential impacts to natural and cultural resources, the Sponsor will receive a notice to proceed with construction. Any construction activities conducted prior to receiving the notice to proceed, will not be eligible for reimbursement.

This contract is subject to cancellation, without penalty, either in whole or in part, if funds are not appropriated by the Texas Legislature, or otherwise made available, to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The performance period of this contract may be extended up to twelve months by mutual agreement of both parties.

Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Contractor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor's Office or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through Contractor and the requirement to cooperate is include in any subcontract it awards.

This agreement will be in effect on the last date of the signatures below.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Date: _____

HIDALGO COUNTY

Date: _____