

City of Jarrell



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Valerie Covey
Commissioner, Precinct 3
3010 Williams Dr.
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RE: Support for Jarrell Parks

Dear Commission Covey;

On behalf of the City of Jarrell, I would like to thank you your assistance and support of our efforts to acquire and develop parks for our growing community.

As with all of Williamson County, our area has experienced rapid growth. With this growth, of course, comes the expanded need for services. This growth has had an impact on the county as a whole; however, as you are aware, small municipalities such as Jarrell are particularly feeling the strain to provide services.

The City of Jarrell asked that you consider the immediate needs of Jarrell and award available program funds to the City of Jarrell for enhancing Jarrell City Park

TOP PRIORITIES:

I.

In 2007, the City acquired the Jarrell Memorial Park adjacent to CR 305. Since its acquisition, the City has maintained the park with its two baseball fields, playscape, and community center. The Jarrell Youth League has a pressing need for an additional field. The City has also budgeted \$5,500 dollars for maintenance. We the City requests \$300,000 in County program funds to develop the park.

II.

The City would like to engage the services of professional grant writers to assist the City in obtaining available grants, such as those available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. In order to make maximize park improvements, the City would leverage the County Grant as matching funds to request grants through agencies like the one mentioned above.

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While youth organizations in the Jarrell area and their friends and supporters are appreciate the facilities in the current park, there is a great need for an additional baseball field. There are other park improvements and recreational needs in the community. Community tennis courts, parking, irrigation, well, and drainage improvements are necessary to provide an adequate recreational facility. In order to realize these goals, the City of Jarrell Parks requests that the City be considered in the allocation of the Small Community Parks Grant funds available through the County.

The City is requesting a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to be used toward the construction of improvements at City Park and the retention of grant-writing professionals. The City has approximately 4 acres adjoining the current City Park to use as a matching donation. Thank you for your consideration and attention to our proposal. I have attached our Parks Master Plan. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mel Yantis
City Manager

Cc: Jim Rodgers
Director Parks and Recreation
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Cedar Park, Texas 78613