

Between April 18 and May 8, 2018, an online survey was released to gain community input for preparation of the 2020 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Community Services Master Plan. Heated swimming pools was the most desired recreational facility.

DISCUSSION:

Residents have access to seven City managed swimming pools. Currently, only the pools at Bobby Bonds and Shamel Parks are heated, and those pools are already heavily programmed. Having only two heated pools limits pool-based programming and recreational activities to warmer seasons. By adding heaters to the pools at Reid, Hunt, and Villegas, the City could expand pool programming to better serve the community. All three pools are also in need of refurbishment, including re-plastering, to ensure they are in good and safe condition to support increased usage, should the opportunity arise to expand pool-based programming.

The AARP Community Challenge grant program helps communities become great places to live for residents of all ages. The program is part of AARP’s Livable Communities initiative. Adding heaters and refurbishing three public pools will contribute to the community’s quality of life, and equitable distribution of services by increasing programming and recreational opportunities that improve health and wellness and by increasing social connections between community members throughout the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated fiscal impact of the action is an increase of revenue and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of approximately \$750,000 to the Grants and Restricted Program Fund AARP Swimming Pool Heater account 9918600. The estimated project costs include labor and materials. Matching funds are not required for this grant. The grant funds are anticipated to be allocated to City swimming pools as followed:

| Park | Project Cost | City Funds | Grant Amount |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Hunt Park | \$250,000 | \$0 | \$250,000 |
| Reid Park | \$240,000 | \$0 | \$240,000 |
| Villegas Park | \$260,000 | \$0 | \$260,000 |
| TOTAL | | | \$750,000 |

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