



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

<b>Agenda Date</b>	January 27, 2026
<b>Requested Action</b>	APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R06; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD) UNDER THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING THE CITY'S PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE GRANT.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Lisette Jimenez, Director of Parks & Recreation
<b>Background Information</b>	<p>The Recreational Trails Program (RTP), administered in Texas by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), provides federal funding for the development, renovation, and improvement of publicly accessible recreational trails. TPWD serves as the pass-through agency for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which funds the program using a portion of federal fuel taxes paid on non-highway recreational vehicle fuel.</p> <p>RTP grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis, providing up to 80% of eligible project costs, with the local sponsor responsible for a minimum 20% match. Grant awards are capped at \$300,000 for non-motorized trail projects and \$500,000 for motorized trail projects. All grant-assisted facilities must remain open to the public and be maintained for a minimum of 20 years following project completion.</p> <p>The City of Boerne is seeking authorization to submit one non-motorized trail grant application to support the replacement of the pedestrian bridge along Old No. 9 Trail. This bridge is the last remaining wooden pedestrian bridge within the City's trail system and has reached the end of its service life. Replacing the structure with a modern, durable bridge will improve user safety, enhance accessibility, and ensure long-term sustainability of a heavily utilized recreational corridor connecting the Boerne City Campus and surrounding amenities.</p> <p>Grant funding would offset a significant portion of the project cost while allowing the City to modernize critical trail infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner.</p>

	It is recommended that City Council approve the resolution authorizing submission of the grant application and designating the Parks & Recreation Director as the City's authorized representative for the program.
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Fiscal Excellence F1, Committing to strategic, responsible and conservative financial management. F2, Investing in and maintain high-quality infrastructure systems and public assets.
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	The Recreational Trails Program provides reimbursement of up to 80% of eligible project costs, not to exceed \$300,000 for non-motorized trail projects. The City of Boerne will be responsible for providing the remaining minimum 20% local match, which will be funded through existing or planned capital allocations.
<b>Citizen Input/Board Review</b>	
<b>Legal Review</b>	
<b>Alternative Options</b>	
<b>Supporting Documents</b>	Resolution No. 2026-R06 Bridge Elevation Bridge & Trail Sections