



Ector County Independent School District

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Lilia Náñez, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT GRANT

DATE: October 18, 2020

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has announced a grant competition to support CO-OP projects with various State of Texas facilities, to provide education and recreational opportunities for underserved populations. Target demographics include female, ethnic minority, low income, and individuals with disabilities. This grant is open to a variety of non-profit agencies, including school districts. The grants are for programming, which includes both recreational, environmental and conservation activities. Projects must include a cooperative effort with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) owned and operated facilities including State Parks, Wildlife Management Areas, State Natural Areas, State Historical Sites, and Fish Hatcheries & Centers.

A grant of \$25,000 is being proposed by The ECISD Transition Learning Center (TLC) at Odessa High School. The TLC is proposing a program that will include recreational and environmental education for students from diverse ethnic and income backgrounds, age 18-21, who are living with various disabilities. Students and TLC staff will plan and participate in a series of three camping and fishing trips to the San Angelo State Park. Using the outdoor area at the Transition Learning Center, staff will prepare students with a variety of activities, including environmental awareness, life skills, outdoor cooking, water safety, hydration awareness, camping, hiking and personal safety. These activities are designed to meet educational objectives aligned with the TLC mission and goals, along with the students' individual education plans.

Administrative Recommendation:

Approval of the Grant Proposals