

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of the submission of the Humanities Texas Major Grants Community Project to Humanities Texas in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the New Braunfels Cemetery Adelsverein Unmarked Graves Memorial Project and authorizing the City Manager to accept funds and to execute all contract documents associated with the grant, if awarded.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The City Council's strategic priorities include using a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs.

Humanities Texas has a call for major grant applications for community projects that seek funding to support comprehensive public programs such as lectures, seminars, and conferences; book and film discussions; interpretive exhibitions and materials; town forums and civic discussions; and teacher workshops. The grant is due on September 15, 2017. The will request a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the interpretive exhibit and materials for the New Braunfels Cemetery *Adelsverein Unmarked Graves Project*. The project is an effort to memorialize the journey and struggle of the founding men, women, and children that died shortly after their arrival to what is now present day New Braunfels, Texas. The Historic Preservation Plan for Municipal Cemeteries, completed in 2010, verified the location of a field of graves consisting of hundreds of unmarked burials, in the New Braunfels Cemetery. The deaths occurred in such rapid succession that coffins and tombstones were not available for the burials. The City Cemetery Committee begun planning the New Braunfels Cemetery *Adelsverein Unmarked Graves Project* in 2013 based on recommendations from the Historic Preservation Plan. The project design and planning for the memorial concludes in October 2017. The goal of the committee is to unveil the memorial in 2020, coinciding with the 175th anniversary of the founding of New Braunfels.

Application Submission Date: 09/15/2017
Anticipated Funding Selection Date: 11/27/2017
Anticipated Award Date: 12/15/2017

If awarded, 90% of funds will be available after contract signing date and the remaining 10% will be available after project completion.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

X	Yes	City Plan/Council Priority:	Strategic Priorities: Infrastructure Objective 1a - Use a variety of funding sources for operational and capital needs.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no match requirement under this grant program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

City Cemetery Committee recommends approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the submission of the Humanities Texas Major Grants Community Project to Humanities Texas in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the New Braunfels Cemetery Adelsverein Unmarked Graves Project and authorizing the City Manager to accept funds and to execute all contract documents associated with the grant, if awarded.