



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinating Committee

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

SUBJECT:

Consideration and recommendation of the SEP-HCP budget for biological services for the current year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2019 Bexar County entered into a contract with Blair Wildlife Consulting for biological services for the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan (SEP-HCP). The initial contract was for a maximum annual payment of \$220,000.00. The City of San Antonio and Bexar County each paid \$50,000.00 and any amount billed in excess of that amount would come from the SEP-HCP revenues. Per the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) both Bexar County and the City of San Antonio share joint responsibility to fund and manage the SEP-HCP program.

The contract was extended in 2020 under the same terms as the 2019 contract. Bexar County and the City of San Antonio are seeking a second contract extension. This contract increases the maximum payment to Blair Wildlife Consulting to \$340,000.00. This increase is attributed to the following:

- \$50,000 - Base contribution for program implementation services
- \$45,000 - Cicurina genetics study
- \$75,000 - Preserve establishment, management & monitoring services for 3 potential new karst preserves (estimated at \$25,000/preserve)

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CONTRACTS:

Initial Term: March 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

Contract Total : \$220,000

- \$50,000 from Bexar County
- \$50,000 from COSA/DSD
- Total \$120,000 to be paid from SEPHCP Revenues
 - \$70,000 from Deposit Warrant 385490 = SEPHCP Revenues for the construction of a fence around a previously donated karst feature which can only be done under certain weather conditions to avoid disturbance of the protected endangered species within the karst

- \$50,000 from SEPHCP revenues
- A total of \$170,039.91 was actually paid.
- Services paid for:
 - GCSNA KFAS Management and monitoring
 - Meetings and coordination
 - Annual reporting
 - Application review and processing, and preserve evaluations
 - Karst Surveys to support potential preserve establishments
 - Northern preserve management and monitoring
 - Panther Springs preserve management and monitoring
 - Government Canyon preserve management and monitoring
 - Genetic studies of cave dwelling cicurina spiders

1st Extension:

March 31, 2020 - March 31, 2021

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- 50,000 from Bexar County
- \$50,000 from COSA/DSD
- Total \$120,000 to be paid from SEPHCP Revenues
 - \$70,000 from Deposit Warrant 385490 = SEPHCP Revenues for the construction of a fence around a previously donated karst feature which can only be done under certain weather conditions to avoid disturbance of the protected endangered species within the karst
 - \$50,000 from SEPHCP revenues
- A total of \$149,382.41 was actually paid.
- Services paid for:
 - GCSNA KFAS Management and monitoring
 - Meetings and coordination
 - Annual reporting
 - Application review and processing, and preserve evaluations
 - Karst Surveys to support potential preserve establishments
 - Northern preserve management and monitoring
 - Panther Springs preserve management and monitoring
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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the budget allocating a maximum payment of \$340,000.00 broken down as follows:

- Bexar County Maximum Contribution: \$50,000.00
- City of San Antonio Maximum Contribution: \$50,000.00
- SEP-HCP Fund Maximum Contribution: \$240,000.00