

ADA Compliance: Local Parks

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Category	M-NCPPC	Date Last Modified	01/03/24
SubCategory	Development	Administering Agency	M-NCPPC
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	Ongoing

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY23	Est FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design and Supervision	1,495	691	304	500	100	50	50	100	100	100	-
Site Improvements and Utilities	10,272	4,192	2,030	4,050	700	700	700	650	650	650	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,767	4,883	2,334	4,550	800	750	750	750	750	750	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY23	Est FY24	Total 6 Years	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	Beyond 6 Years
M-NCPPC Bonds	11,767	4,883	2,334	4,550	800	750	750	750	750	750	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	11,767	4,883	2,334	4,550	800	750	750	750	750	750	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 25 Request	800	Year First Appropriation	FY12
Appropriation FY 26 Request	750	Last FY's Cost Estimate	10,267
Cumulative Appropriation	7,217		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	5,894		
Unencumbered Balance	1,323		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This program provides for an on-going comprehensive effort to ensure that all parks and park facilities are built, renovated, and maintained in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. This program includes the correction of deficiencies identified by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) during its Project Civic Access assessment of various park facilities, the results of a comprehensive self-evaluation process, as well as efforts to comply with the revisions to Title II of the ADA, which went into effect on March 15, 2011, and other opportunities to improve accessibility. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, barrier removal, grading, pavements, site amenities, drainage improvements, building modifications, signage, etc. and are often combined with other projects.

COST CHANGE

Increase due to the addition of FY29 and FY30 to this ongoing project.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Montgomery County was selected by the DOJ for a Project Civic Access (PCA) review in 2006. The PCA is a proactive, ongoing initiative of the Disability Rights Section of the DOJ Civil Rights Division to ensure ADA compliance in local and state governments throughout the country. Montgomery County and M-NCPPC entered into a Settlement Agreement with DOJ on August 16, 2011, that required the County and M-NCPPC to remediate specific issues identified by DOJ within a negotiated timeline, conduct a comprehensive self-evaluation, and develop a Transition Plan for barrier removal, including efforts to comply with the updated Title II requirements. All self-evaluations were completed ahead of schedule and the Final Transition Plan submitted in August 2016 and subsequently accepted by DOJ. The Final Transition Plan provides a summary of all barriers found, a strategy and timeline for their removal, as well as planning level cost estimates. The Final Transition Plan identified approximately 13,600 barriers with a projected planning level cost estimate of \$31 million for barrier removal system-wide, although actual costs are expected to be significantly higher based upon work completed to date.

FISCAL NOTE

Prior year partial capitalization of expenditures through FY16 totaled \$1,934,000.

DISCLOSURES

Expenditures will continue indefinitely.

COORDINATION

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