

\$12K FOR



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Salas

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 21, 2025

Approved

Date

5/21/25

RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2025-2026 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **Backesto Park Ground Repairs**

Amount of City Funding Required: \$112,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): CE#03

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

Backesto Park is an historic and important community park in the Northside neighborhood of District 3. It is heavily used by families, youth, sporting participants, and the broader San Jose community for major events such as the Luna Park Chalk Art Festival. However, the park has several areas critically damaged due to burrowing animals to the extent that the ground is unsafe. In particular, the ground and decomposed granite areas in the areas surrounding the fountain and bench are full of vermin tunnels causing the ground to collapse underfoot making it unsafe to walk.

A total cost of \$112,000 is needed for this project to both manage the vermin (\$12,000) and repair the ground (\$100,000). The vermin management would safely utilize a pesticide to eradicate ground squirrels throughout the park. Staff would repair the park ground by digging out the areas affected by ground squirrels, replace the area with base rock, mesh wire, and stabilize it with decomposed granite or dirt, and backfill any reopened holes with sandy loam to prevent squirrels from returning.

Additionally, PRNS staff have suggested alternative methods for ground repairs which would be effective potentially at a lower cost. Therefore, PRNS is authorized to use their professional best judgement in performing repairs.

Personal Services	\$47,000
Non-Personal/Equipment	\$65,000
Total	\$112,000

Accordingly, the City Manager is directed to allocate \$112,000 in one-time funding from the Council District 3 Construction & Conveyance Tax Fund to this project.

Funding Source

- Essential Services Reserve:

- Other (Please specify program/project/fund): Council District 3 Construction & Conveyance Tax Fund

Department or Organization Contact

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