

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/05/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.L. FIN - 2026 Invasive Plant Grant Application through the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management
DATE PREPARED: 05/04/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
STAFF LIAISON: Rob Roach, Grant Program and Procurement Manager, rroach@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6165	
DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action to ratify and approve the submission of a \$222,225 grant application under the 2026 Invasive Plant Grant to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, with a request of \$200,000 from the State and a local in-kind match of \$22,225; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to cause the execution and delivery, and carry out the purpose and intent, of said application.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:
Innovative and High Performing Organizations

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City seeks to address the current non-native invasive plants and noxious weeds that are negatively impacting the Park's ecological health through the submission of a grant application that supports the removal of the non-native invasive plants and noxious weeds to maintain the Park's ecological health and beauty. The grant request is \$200,000, with a required \$22,225 in-kind match from the City. The total cost is \$222,225. If awarded, the grant covers a 12-month period. The in-kind match consists of administrative and project labor provided by Buckeye staff members. This in-kind match is included in the Community Services General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2027. If awarded, the Award Agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the grant award.

BENEFITS:

If awarded, this Grant will jump-start the removal of non-native invasive plants and noxious weeds, which will improve the ecological health and beauty of the Park, as well as provide safe and enjoyable visitor experiences while inspiring conservation of natural resources and cultural heritage. The removal of these plants and weeds will free up vital resources for the native vegetation of the Park, allowing native plants to thrive. Additionally, the removal of these non-native, invasive plants will reduce wildfire hazards by minimizing fire fuel in the event of a wildfire.

FUTURE ACTION:

If awarded, the Award Agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the grant award. If awarded and after all grant funding has been exhausted, any additional invasive plant maintenance needs will come from the Community Services

General Fund account unless additional grant funding opportunities become available, in which case the Grants team will pursue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The 2026 Invasive Plants Grant portion is \$200,000. There is a \$22,225 in-kind match required for this grant. The in-kind match consists of administrative and project labor provided by Buckeye staff members. This in-kind match is included in the Community Services General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2027. The total cost is \$222,225. If awarded, the Award Agreement will be presented to Council for budget authority, as well as the authority to accept and execute the grant award.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

The total Fiscal Year 2027 cost is \$222,225, with \$200,000 reimbursable based on the budget. These figures have been included in the City of Buckeye's Community Services Department General Fund Budget (10004155-510001), and the Grant Budget (35764150-540020).

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2027

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Grant: 35764150-540020, In-Kind Match: 10004155-510001

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[CAR Recap Summary - Invasive Plants Grant Application.docx](#)
[Application Submitted 4.14.26.pdf](#)
[Application_Project Budget.pdf](#)
[Map & Center Coordinates.pdf](#)