

CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 06/17/25	AGENDA ITEM: 4.S. FIN - Fiscal Year 2025 Invasive Plant Grant - Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management - Application
DATE PREPARED: 06/16/25	DISTRICT NO.: All
STAFF LIAISON: Rob Roach, Grant Program 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 \$227,101 Invasive Plant Grant application through the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for the prevention, control, and eradication of non-native invasive plants and noxious weeds on approximately 500 acres of Skyline Regional Park.

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Buckeye seeks to address the current non-native invasive plants and noxious weeds that are negatively impacting Skyline Regional Park's ecological health through the submission of a grant application that supports the removal of non-native invasive plants and noxious weeds to maintain Skyline Regional Park's ecological health and beauty. The grant request is for \$200,000 with a \$27,101 required City of Buckeye match.

BENEFITS:

This grant, if awarded, will jump start the removal of non-native invasive plants and noxious weeds, which will improve the ecological health and beauty of Skyline Regional 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 native vegetation of Skyline Regional Park, allowing native plants to thrive.

FUTURE ACTION:

After all grant funds have been expended, any future maintenance for this invasive species prevention, control, and eradication will become a part of the Community Services Department's budget, unless future grant opportunities arise, which the City will pursue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The federal grant portion is \$200,000 with a \$27,101 match from the City of Buckeye. The total project cost is \$227,101.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

There are no Fiscal Year 2025 costs. The costs have been budgeted within Community Services under Fiscal Year 2026.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2026

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

10004155, Community Services Parks

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

ATTACHMENTS:

[CAR Recap Summary DFFM Grant - Invasive Plants at Skyline Park - App.docx](#)

[App submitted 5-27-25 DFFM invasive plant grant.docx](#)