



July 17, 2015

To Our Citizens, Business Owners & anyone willing to donate to Venus:

The City of Venus is asking for labor &/or material donation pledges for park grant funding. The more donation pledges we receive, the higher our grant application will score—giving us a better chance of receiving the grant funds.

If awarded, the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant funds will be used to rehabilitate Fielder Park located at 204 E. 6th Street. The maximum grant amount available is \$150,000 of which the city is required to match 50%. The goal is to get enough donation pledges to cover the city's 50% match--\$75,000. This will allow us to earn the maximum amount of points for this category on the grant application.

What is a labor or material donation pledge?

Labor pledge means you have a specialized skill, such as welding, painting, carpentry, electrical, etc. and are willing to donate your time and skill. An hourly rate is estimated by you and calculated into a dollar amount.

Material pledge means the donation of lumber, fencing material, cement, dirt, sand, wood fiber or equipment use—back hoe, truck & trailer for haul away, etc.

How is the donation pledge calculated?

Pledge to donate a specific number of hours at an estimated hourly rate. For example, a pledge of 10 hours of welding at \$20/hour would equate to \$200.

When would the labor or material pledge be due?

July 2016 – July 2019. The grant applications are due in October 2015, with award announcements in January 2016 and if awarded, construction would start around July 2016. We need **ALL** donation pledges by **Friday September 4, 2015**.

How do I pledge a donation?

Fill out the pledge form and return to City Hall by Friday September 4, 2015. Forms can be accepted in person, by mail, or by fax 972-366-3824.

What does the park grant project intend to rehabilitate?

- the baseball fields and the track; to include the dugouts, field fencing and additional bleachers, resurfacing of the track
- resurfacing of the playground areas using wood fiber
- demolition of the volleyball area and replace with an adult fitness park area
- addition of children's playground area with cover
- cover for existing children's playground area

Please help us receive funding by pledging a donation of labor &/or material, of course monetary donations are also acceptable.

Your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated!

Sincerely,

The Venus City Staff

Open Monday – Friday 7a.m. – 6p.m. closed for lunch 12-1p.m. on Fridays only.

105 E US 67

Texas Parks & Wildlife Grant Donation Pledge Form

I, _____, pledge to donate labor/material in the form
Printed Name

of _____, for _____
Skill/Material type number of hours/amount of material donated

at the rate/cost of _____/hour and/or _____/ value of material item.

I understand that this pledge of donation will be only be fulfilled **IF** the City of Venus is awarded the above named grant for the Venus Fielder Park Rehabilitation Project. I also understand that the pledged goods/services can and will be fulfilled over the three year period of approximately July 2016 – July 2019.

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