

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

**Subject: Funding Agreement, Trinity Trail Preservation Association – Special Projects**

On November 11, 2013, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in regular session with the following members present and participating, to wit:

**Keith Self  
Matt Shaheen  
Cheryl Williams  
Chris Hill  
Duncan Webb**

**County Judge, Presiding  
Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Commissioner, Precinct 4**

During such session the court considered a request for approval of a Funding Agreement with the Trinity Trail Preservation Association.

Thereupon, a motion was made, seconded and carried with a majority vote of the court for approval of a Funding Agreement with the Trinity Trail Preservation Association for funding through the 4<sup>th</sup> Series – 2007 Parks/Open Space Project Funding Assistance Program (Bond Project No. 07PG50) for improvements along Trinity Trail and further authorize the County Judge to finalize and execute same. Same is hereby approved as per the attached documentation.



Keith Self, County Judge

Matt Shaheen, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Chris Hill, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk  
Commissioners Court  
Collin County, TEXAS

**Funding Agreement  
Between  
Collin County  
And  
Trinity Trail Preservation Association**

That Collin County (hereinafter referred to as "County"), and the Trinity Trail Preservation Association, a Texas non-profit corporation, acting herein through its duly authorized representative (hereinafter referred to as "Association") enter into this Funding Agreement to set out the terms and conditions governing the award of County funds to Association for the purposes set out herein.

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court finds that the expenditure of public funds to Association is in the best interest of Collin County and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined that the parks and open space improvements may be constructed most economically by implementing this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court finds that expending public funds for the purpose stated above is a valid public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Collin County has Parks and Open Space Bond Funds to make available in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Association for the purposes set forth in this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Association find that this Agreement will benefit the residents of Collin County by providing additional and/or enhanced park, recreational and cultural facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement will support or advance the mission of the Collin County Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Association through the application process, has demonstrated that it has the ability to perform such services.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the covenants, obligations, and undertakings of each of the respective parties to the Agreement, the parties hereby agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

This Agreement provides the terms and conditions under which County will make available the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be used to support improvements along Trinity Trail by providing funds for contracted services as described in the application. The source of these funds is County Park and Open Space bond funds. In consideration of Collin County providing funding specified herein, Association shall abide by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE II

Association shall use any and all funds furnished by County under this Agreement for the purposes outlined herein and in Exhibit "A" (attached hereto).

1. Should the Association wish to utilize funds for any purpose other than those stated in the Application, the Association must obtain approval from the Association's Board and Collin County Commissioners Court (the "Commissioners Court"). No change may occur unless:

- a. Approved by Association's Board, as evidenced by the official minutes of the Board authorizing the change;
- b. Review of proposed change by the Collin County Parks Foundation Advisory Board as evidenced by official minutes of the Board;
- c. Approval from Commissioners Court.

All expenditures of bond funds must comply with this Agreement and the attachments hereto.

Unexpended and unencumbered bond funds will revert to the County's Park and Open Space bond fund.

## ARTICLE III

Association may not assign any interest in this Agreement, whether in whole or part, without prior approval of Commissioners Court as reflected by Commissioners Court Order.

## ARTICLE IV

The County enters into this Agreement with Association for the purposes enumerated in Article I. Association asserts and agrees that Association is an independent contractor and not an officer, agent, servant or employee of Collin County. Association has exclusive control over the details of the activities necessary to accomplish the purposes outlined herein and in Exhibit "A", and is responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors and consultants. The doctrine of respondent superior does not apply as between County and Association, its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors and consultants. Further, this Agreement does not create a partnership or joint enterprise between County and Association.

## ARTICLE V

The Association estimates the total actual cost of the project to be \$38,000.00. The County agrees to fund the cost to install or construct items described in Exhibit "A" in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. The County shall reimburse the Association for invoices paid by the Association for cost related to the Project on a dollar for dollar matching basis.

Alternative payment schedules would require Commissioners Court approval. The Association shall be responsible for any costs that exceed the total estimated Project cost.

The Association shall install a **project sign** identifying the project as being partially funded by the Collin County 2007 Parks and Open Space Bond Program. The Association shall also provide **before, during and after photos** and **quarterly progress reports** in electronic format to the contact identified on Exhibit "A". Following completion of the Project, the Association shall provide **an itemized final accounting of expenditures** including in-kind services or donations for the project. All projects for which the County has provided funds through its 2007 Parks and Open Space Bond Program must remain open and accessible to all County residents.

#### ARTICLE VI

INDEMNIFICATION. To the extent allowed by law, each party agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the other (and its officers, agents, and employees) from and against all claims or causes of action for injuries (including death), property damages (including loss of use), and any other losses, demands, suits, judgments and costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, in any way arising out of, related to, or resulting from its performance under this Agreement, or caused by its negligent acts or omissions (or those of its respective officers, agents, employees, or any other third parties for whom it is legally responsible) in connection with performing this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VII.

VENUE. The laws of the State of Texas shall govern the interpretation, validity, performance and enforcement of this Agreement. The parties agree that this Agreement is performable in Collin County, Texas and that exclusive venue shall lie in Collin County, Texas.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Agreement are severable. If any paragraph, section, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Agreement is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law or contrary to any rule or regulation having the force and effect of the law, the remaining portions of the agreement shall be enforced as if the invalid provision had never been included.

#### ARTICLE IX.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement embodies the entire Agreement between the parties and may only be modified in writing executed by both parties.

ARTICLE X.

SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors, heirs, personal representatives and assigns. Neither party will assign or transfer an interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other party.

ARTICLE XI.

IMMUNITY. It is expressly understood and agreed that, in the execution of this Agreement, neither party waives, nor shall be deemed hereby to have waived any immunity or defense that would otherwise be available to it against claims arising in the exercise of governmental powers and functions. By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not create any obligations, express or implied, other than those set forth herein, and this Agreement shall not create any rights in parties not signatories hereto.

ARTICLE XII.

TERM. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by both parties and shall continue in effect annually until final acceptance of the Project.

ARTICLE XIII.

The declarations, determinations and findings declared, made and found in the preamble to this Agreement are hereby adopted, restated and made part of the operative provisions hereof.

**ATTEST:**

By: Georgia Shepherd  
Name: Georgia Shepherd  
Title: Administrative Secretary  
Date: 11/11/13

**COUNTY OF COLLIN, TEXAS**

By: Keith Self  
Name: Keith Self  
Title: County Judge  
Date: 11/12/13  
Executed on this 11th day of November 2013, by the County of Collin, pursuant to Commissioners' Court Order No. 2013-934-11-11.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRINITY TRAIL PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

By: Duke C. Monson  
Name: Duke C. Monson  
Title: PRESIDENT  
Date: 10/28/13  
Executed on behalf of the Trinity Trail Preservation Association

**EXHIBIT "A"**

The County will provide the following funding assistance for park and open space improvements:

- Trail bed and trail drainage improvements – six (6) locations total as detailed by Exhibit "B" attached hereto

**Total funding**

**\$15,000.00**

**Contact Information**

The request for reimbursement should include copies of the invoice(s), check confirming payment, and any other supporting documentation submitted to:

Collin County Special Projects  
Teresa Nelson  
4690 Community Avenue, Suite 200  
McKinney, Texas 75071  
972-548-3744

Submission of electronic photos and quarterly reports:

Teresa Nelson  
[tnelson@collincountytexas.gov](mailto:tnelson@collincountytexas.gov)

**Project Manager Contact:** (must be able to answer specific questions regarding project)

Name: CHARLIE GAINES

Address: 24 BROOKHAVEN

LUCAS, TX 75002

Phone: 972 824 3369

Fax: N/A

Email: C.GAINES4@VERIZON.NET

# EXHIBIT "B"

## Section 5: Resolution

See Attachment 1.

## Section 6: Project Narrative

### 1. Project Description

The Trinity Trail at Lavon Lake is a public, free, 26+ mile trail for hiking and equestrian use. It is recognized in the *Collin County Regional Trails Master Plan (May 2012)* as a Regional Spine Corridor trail. This project addresses the cumulative wear on specific trail segments after 25 years of use and the growth of communities and utilities adjacent to the trail. Implementation of the objectives will restore the trailbed's surface for continued access by the public and reduce or mitigate specific safety concerns on the trail. The six items that comprise this project are:

1. Pipeline Drainage – When NTMWD installed their latest pipeline along the southern portion of the trail, three natural water drainages were disrupted – the resulting drainage across the pipeline (and the trail) allows water to pool across the trail, causing an unsafe trailbed. We propose to re-establish the natural drainage flow across the pipeline and trail, and install culverts for the trail that allow a dry crossing of the drainage path.
2. Trailbed renovation – Over the course of 25 years of use and maintenance of the trail's southern half, numerous sites on the trail are now sunken below the natural terrain. We propose to re-work the trailbed surface to restore the natural height of the trail and re-establish the natural watershed to prevent downhill water erosion of the trail.
3. Trailbed drainage – A segment of the northern half of the trail, due east of the NTMWD sewage treatment plant is across very flat terrain. The flatness of the surrounding terrain makes it difficult for natural and man-made water flows to pass by the trail, leaving the trail extremely muddy and unsafe to use. We propose to re-work the trailbed and surrounding terrain to establish a proper drainage that will not impact the trail's use.
4. Seis Lagos stormwater – Runoff from the Seis Lagos and surrounding communities has increased the water flow through one particular stream to the point where 5 foot culverts are not enough to handle a severe storm. We propose to install a properly sized culvert at the stream crossing and install erosion-prevention components to forestall future stream bank erosion at the crossing.
5. Raptor Center corridor – The Trinity Trail has a defined corridor through the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center property. There is one point in the corridor that has been identified as not sufficiently wide enough for the Lucas VFD all-terrain emergency vehicle to negotiate. We propose to reset the corridor posts and cabling at this chokepoint to allow their vehicle enough room to negotiate it with ease.
6. White Rock Creek hiker crossing – Currently, the trail crossing at White Rock Creek is a low-water crossing, which is suitable for horses, but not for hikers or runners when the Creek is flowing with more than 6 inches of depth or 6 feet of width. We propose to install stepping stones (or the equivalent) in