

# **VENUE PROJECT FUNDS**



An original opera for citizens of Bexar County was commissioned by Bexar County Commissioners Court. The first act , Las Fundaciones de Bejar took place during the groundbreaking for the Tricentennial while the second act entitled, Suenos de Bejar will be part of the festivities that will take place during the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.

Courtesy of: Bexar County

**Bexar County, Texas**  
**Community Venue Fund (507) (Cash Basis)**  
**Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2018**

<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>	<b>FY 2017-18</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Budget</b>

<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>
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**Beginning Balance**

Undesignated Funds	\$106,747,270	\$65,705,427	\$65,296,805
<b>Total Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$106,747,270</b>	<b>\$65,705,427</b>	<b>\$65,296,805</b>

**Revenue**

Venue Taxes	\$26,874,803	\$26,894,844	\$26,000,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	4,092,809	1,148,817	
Service Fees	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Proceeds from Sales of Assets	7,658,839		
Proceeds from Debt	5,520,815	-	-
Other Revenue	336,003	778,040	525,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$45,783,269</b>	<b>\$30,121,701</b>	<b>\$27,825,000</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$45,783,269</b>	<b>\$30,121,701</b>	<b>\$27,825,000</b>

**TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS**

<b>\$152,530,539</b>	<b>\$95,827,128</b>	<b>\$93,121,805</b>
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<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>
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General Government	\$1,557,948	\$3,254,496	\$1,579,673
Capital Expenditures	58,683,602	1,735,197	2,500,000
Debt Service	26,583,562	25,540,631	26,532,429
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$86,825,112</b>	<b>\$30,530,323</b>	<b>\$30,612,102</b>

Interfund Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>\$86,825,112</b>	<b>\$30,530,323</b>	<b>\$30,612,102</b>
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**Appropriated Fund Balance**

<b>\$65,705,427</b>	<b>\$65,296,805</b>	<b>\$62,509,703</b>
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**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>\$152,530,539</b>	<b>\$95,827,128</b>	<b>\$93,121,805</b>
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# COMMUNITY VENUE PROGRAM OFFICE

**Mission:** The Community Venues Program Office's (CVP) mission is to oversee and implement the four Initiatives approved by Bexar County Citizens during the May 2008 election. The CVP Office will provide quality oversight, effective quality control and responsive service to all 24 approved projects, the Bexar County citizens and Commissioners Court in a fair and equitable manner.

**Vision:** The CVP Office is committed to providing oversight of planning, construction and stability for all 24 projects to insure fiscal responsibility, quality management, and provide advice for continued success. The Office strives to develop trust within the community, while expanding convention and tourism activity, through timely completion and successful longevity of projects.

## **Goals and Objectives:**

- Provide oversight on planning and hiring of CVP projects.
- Provide quality control throughout the construction phase.
- Ensure fiscal responsibility of the CVP Office and all projects.
- Provide leadership and insight into the sustainability of projects.
- Restore and enhance the San Antonio River to its natural habitat and flow.
- Enhance local arts and culture.
- Increase quality of life for Bexar County Citizens.
- Create first class facilities.
- Enhance tourism activity.

**Program Description:** The CVP Office serves as the County's point of contact regarding the venue projects that were approved by voters on May 10, 2008. The Director will oversee the development of contracts and inter-local agreements as well as oversee the development and implementation of all 24 contracts. The Bexar County Commissioners Court unanimously approved 24 agreements with various organizations to develop athletic, performing arts, cultural arts, and San Antonio River projects.

The Community Venues project are funded by the visitor tax which is a combination of a 1.75% levy on hotel rooms and a 5% levy on short-term car rentals, and are divided into the following funding and initiatives:

## **PROPOSITION 1**

### **San Antonio River Improvements:**

Improvements to the San Antonio River were allocated \$125 million. Of that amount, \$70 million in flood control taxes was allocated to advance-fund the Federal share of costs associated with the project. In 2009, the project received \$25.3 million in stimulus funding as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and of that amount \$10 million was allocated to reduce the County's commitment to advance the Federal share.

This reduction has allowed for a small amount of additional capacity in the Visitor Tax Finance Plan and the additional capacity will be used to pay for costs associated with constructing portals from the river to the new Performing Arts Center with no impact to any other Visitor Tax projects. The FY 2011-12 Budget included funding for the Veterans Plaza / Performing Arts Center and for the County / City History Center in the Briscoe Heritage Museum. The budget includes \$8 million for the Veterans Plaza Portal and \$2 million for the County / City History Museum, for a total of \$10 million.

These improvements will connect the river from Brackenridge Park to Mission Espada. Other aspects of these projects will restore the natural course of the river south of downtown to Mission Espada and restore the natural ecosystem by planting thousands of native trees and grasses. In addition, hike and bike trails, pedestrian footbridges, recreational amenities and river access points will be added to the river.

**PROPOSITION 2**

**Amateur Sports Facilities:**

Funding in the amount \$80 Million has been allocated for Proposition 2 which provides for the purchase, acquisition, construction and equipping of Youth and Amateur Athletic Facilities in Bexar County. This proposition consisted of a total of 13 projects. All projects are now complete.

**PROPOSITION 3**

**Community Arenas and Grounds**

\$100 Million has been allocated for Proposition 3. Bexar County residents own the Freeman Coliseum, the AT&T Center, and the Exhibition and Stock Show Facilities. The goal of this Proposition is to be a responsible landlord, good community leader, and keep these facilities up-to-date and viable for our tenants and citizens.

**AT&T Center Parking Drainage & Stabilization**

This is a new project for FY 2017-18. The project will improve drainage between the AT&T Center Parking lots and will stabilize the drainage walls. This project has a total estimated cost of \$2,500,000.

**PROPOSITION 4**

**Performing Arts Facilities**

\$111 Million has been allocated for three projects to construct and improve Performing Arts Facilities in Bexar County. The following two projects remain, as the Briscoe Western Art Museum has been completed.

**Appropriations:**

	<b>FY 2015-16 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2016-17 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2016-17 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2017-18 Budget</b>
Personnel Services	\$213,146	\$211,166	\$110,630	\$47,973
Travel and Remunerations	0	500	0	0
Operational Costs	613,079	1,834,350	3,143,616	1,531,450
Supplies and Materials	130	500	500	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$826,355</b>	<b>\$2,046,516</b>	<b>\$3,254,746</b>	<b>\$1,579,673</b>

**Program Justification and Analysis:**

- Overall, the Community Venue Fund FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget decreased significantly when compared to FY 2016-17 Estimates, as described below.

- The Personnel Services group decreased significantly when compared to FY 2016-17 Estimates. At the beginning of FY 2016-17, the Director position was vacated and the duties of this position are now provided through a Professional Services Agreement. The FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget maintained funding for the salary supplements for two attorney positions who work on contracts associated with Community Venue related projects.
- The Operational Costs group decreased significantly when compared to FY 2016-17 Estimates. This decrease is due to a large expenditure related to the River Portal at the Witte Museum in FY 2016-17. Additional funding in the amount of \$500,000 is provided for the River Portal at the Witte Museum in the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget. A full year of funding is also provided in the Professional Services account for the Director duties that are now handled through a Professional Services Agreement. Funding is appropriated for facility usage and performance costs associated with venue facilities.
- The Supplies and Materials group included a nominal amount of funding for office supplies needed throughout the fiscal year.

**Authorized Positions:**

	<b>FY 2015-16 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2016-17 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2017-18 Budget</b>
Director	1	0	0
Attorney III*	2	2	2
<b>Total - Community Venue Program Office</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

*\*The two Attorney III positions receive a salary supplement for the services they provide to the Venue Program. These positions are authorized in the General Fund with regular salaries and benefits paid for from the General Fund. Once the program is complete they will no longer receive the salary supplement provided by this fund.*