

# **VENUE PROJECT FUNDS**



The Bexar County Human Resources Department.

**Bexar County, Texas**  
**Community Venue Fund (507) (Cash Basis)**  
**Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020**

<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>	<b>FY 2019-20</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Budget</b>

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

Undesignated Funds	\$52,885,296	\$58,248,911	\$63,892,122
<b>Total Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$52,885,296</b>	<b>\$58,248,911</b>	<b>\$63,892,122</b>

**Revenue**

Venue Taxes	\$29,069,024	\$30,028,104	\$29,000,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	0	0	0
Service Fees	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Other Revenue	1,753,325	2,734,561	1,400,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$32,122,349</b>	<b>\$34,062,665</b>	<b>\$31,700,000</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$32,122,349</b>	<b>\$34,062,665</b>	<b>\$31,700,000</b>

**TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS**

<b>\$85,007,645</b>	<b>\$92,311,576</b>	<b>\$95,592,122</b>
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<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>
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General Government	\$1,239,705	\$1,857,375	\$2,133,702
Capital Expenditures	0	375,000	2,500,000
Debt Service	25,519,029	26,187,079	24,646,601
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$26,758,734</b>	<b>\$28,419,454</b>	<b>\$29,280,303</b>

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

<b>\$26,758,734</b>	<b>\$28,419,454</b>	<b>\$29,280,303</b>
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**Appropriated Fund Balance**

<b>\$58,248,911</b>	<b>\$63,892,122</b>	<b>\$66,311,819</b>
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**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

<b>\$85,007,645</b>	<b>\$92,311,576</b>	<b>\$95,592,122</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. Staff 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 projects 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 allowed for a small amount of additional capacity in the Visitor Tax Finance Plan and the additional capacity was 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 included \$8 million for the Veterans Plaza Portal and \$2 million for the County / City History Museum, for a total of \$10 million.

The County continues to receive reimbursements from the US Army Corps of Engineers as part of the County's advance-funding of the Federal share of costs associated with the improvements to the San Antonio River. To date, the County has received over \$30 million in reimbursements from USACE.

**PROPOSITION 2**

**Amateur Sports Facilities:**

Funding in the amount of \$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. All projects are now complete.

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

This project was added in 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. All projects are now complete.

**Appropriations:**

	<b>FY 2017-18 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018-19 Budget</b>	<b>FY 2018-19 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2019-20 Budget</b>
Personnel Services	\$92,615	\$118,537	\$110,709	\$112,752
Operational Costs	1,135,415	3,033,300	1,746,416	2,020,950
Supplies and Materials	0	250	250	0
Capital Expenditures	0	2,500,000	375,000	2,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,228,030</b>	<b>\$5,652,087</b>	<b>\$2,232,375</b>	<b>\$4,633,702</b>

**Program Justification and Analysis:**

- Overall, the Community Venue Fund FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget increased significantly when compared to FY 2018-19 Estimates primarily due to Capital Expenditures, as described below.
  - The Personnel Services group increased by 1.8 percent when compared to FY 2018-19 Estimates. This is primarily due to a change in the cost of health insurance plans as selected by the employees.
  - The Operational Costs group increased by 15.7 percent when compared to FY 2018-19 Estimates. Funding in the amount of \$1 million from the FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget is being carried over as a contribution for the restoration of the Spanish Colonial Upper Labor Dam and Acequia project at Brackenridge Park.
  - The Capital Expenditures group carried over funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the AT&T Parking & Drainage Stabilization project.
- There are no program changes in the FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget.

**Authorized Positions:**

	<b>FY 2017-18 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2018-19 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2019-20 Budget</b>
Attorney III*	2	2	2
Community Venues Manager**	1	1	1
<b>Total - Community Venue Program Office</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</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.*

*\*\*The Community Venues Manager is funded 56% in the Venue fund and 44% in the Capital Fund. The authorized position can be found in the Venue Fund.*