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County Judge

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**CAMERON COUNTY RECEIVES \$643,097 FROM TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE
DEPARTMENT FOR LA ESPERANZA COMMUNITY PARK**

Cameron County is pleased to announce that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has approved funding for improvements to La Esperanza Community Park under the Non-Urban Outdoor Local Park Grant Programs in the amount of \$643,097. In 2018, Cameron County added the first inclusive playground in the Park System at La Esperanza Park. This funding will allow the Cameron County Parks & Recreation Department to continue the inclusive improvements at La Esperanza Community Park which include: an aquatic recreational area with a splash pad, water table, water playground amenities, ADA changing rooms/restrooms (with adult diaper changing), ADA trail improvements, access walkways to all amenities, ADA fitness equipment, habitat improvements with interpretive signage, bench areas with wheelchair sites, accessible picnic stations, additional ADA Low Impact Development parking and other associated improvements. In addition to the funding from Texas Parks & Wildlife, Cameron County is investing an additional \$500,000 in local matching requirements. Partnerships with Non-Profits / Private Sector organizations will bring an additional \$113,000. The total project cost is \$1,256,097.

Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino stated, “Thank you, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the non-profit and private sector contributions for the partnership on this wonderful project. Our plan is to create the first park in the County Park System that is entirely inclusive and can be used and enjoyed by the many generations to come. Cameron County is committed to inclusion for all our residents and visitors and these improvements and new amenities will enhance the quality of life of our residents. It is important to not only provide amenities that can be used by those with disabilities and special needs, and to provide amenities that do not separate or isolate anyone from having a wonderful experience.”

Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 2 Joey Lopez stated, “We greatly appreciate this remarkable funding opportunity from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to continue the inclusive improvements at La Esperanza Community Park. We have received a tremendous amount of support from the community, special needs organizations, non-profit organizations and the private sector for the proposed inclusive developments to this park. It is my goal to continue to improve the parks in Precinct 2 for the betterment of our County residents and visitors. We look forward to breaking ground on this wonderful project in the near future.”

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