
CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Council Meeting Date: 06/23/2016**
Agenda Item: 5A3

ACTION: Approve the recommended Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Program funding for fiscal year 2016/2017 in the amount of \$206,710.69 to neighborhood and homeowners' associations for various neighborhood projects.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds in the amount of \$175,000 have been appropriated in the Community Development Department's 2016/2017 General Fund adopted budget (cost center 1215) and funds in the amount of \$31,751.74 have been appropriated in the Public Works Department's 2016/2017 Water/Wastewater Fund adopted budget (cost center 3052) for the anticipated expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Neighborhood Grant Program funding recommendations for fiscal year 2016/2017.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Neighborhood Grant Program provides a portion of the city's annual budget for community initiated capital projects that improve neighborhoods and are not covered within traditional budget allocations. The Grant Program requires resident participation and involvement in the selection, coordination and completion of enhancement projects of the neighborhoods choosing.

During the budget process, the Mayor and Council allocated \$175,000 in grant program funding. This is the second year that additional funding from the Water Division is available to fund projects that achieve a reduction in metered turf watering as part of the city's Water Conservation Program Initiatives.

This grant cycle the city received requests for funding for 36 different projects. Applicants consisted of 23 Neighborhood Associations and 14 Homeowners' Associations, totaling \$308,486.85 in requested funding.

Prior to final application, all grant projects were submitted for preliminary site plan review to verify compliance with city regulations. A team of city staff reviewed all of the grant applications, evaluated the grants based on the grant criteria, visited project sites and voted on the recommended projects and grant amounts. Twenty-four projects are recommended to receive funding for a total amount of \$206,710.69. Four of the recommended projects meet the water conservation objectives and will be funded from the additional monies. The attachment contains the complete list of fiscal year 2016/2017 grant requests and recommended funding amounts.

ATTACHMENTS: 2016/2017 Neighborhood Grant Program Funding Recommendations Summary Sheet

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