

MEMORANDUM

To: Lloyd Wm. Payne, Jr., City Manager

From: Raeshawn Palmer, Community Outreach Coordinator

Date: June 25, 2024

Subject: Neighborhood Matching Grant Funding Recommendation FY 2024-2025

The City received 15 total applications for the FY25 Neighborhood Matching Grant (NMG) Program. The Grant Review Committee met on June 11th and determined that 13 projects met the criteria for funding and two neighborhood projects did not. Below is a brief description of NMG projects that the Committee recommends for funding, as well as a description of the two projects that did not meet the eligibility criteria. If approved, the 13 recommended projects would use the full \$30,000 allocated for the NMG program in FY 2025.

RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

Autumn Ridge

Playground Replacement

Project Amount - \$36,000

Requests \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the replacement of existing playground equipment with a new commercial-grade play system. The project will also include adding an ADA-compliant access ramp and the required deeper mulch.

Funding Recommendation- \$3,000

Bedford Farms

Trail Phase 4

Project Amount - \$21,300

Requests \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the continuation of their walking trail project for the fourth year in a row. This phase of the project focuses on creating and improving the natural trail to make it more accessible for pedestrians. During this project pavers will be installed between the existing Baxter Pl access ramp and the first bridge on the trail. To improve access for strollers and wheelchairs, ramps will also be installed.

Funding Recommendation- \$3,000

Carriage Downs

Community Nature Garden Facelift

Project Amount - \$600.00

Requests \$600 in matching grant funds to support the revitalization of their community garden. The project would plant native plants and install seating. The goal of this project is to transform the natural garden into a thriving and inviting sanctuary that fosters biodiversity, wellness, and community engagement.

Funding Recommendation - \$600.00

Christenbury

Beautification Project

Project Amount - \$8,225

Requests \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the transformation of the Townhome section's communal area with landscaping enhancements and irrigation updates.

Funding Request- \$975

Glen Grove

Walking Trail

Project Amount - \$3,000

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to repair the walking trail near the pond. The trail is experiencing erosion and creating a hazard for pedestrians. This project will replace the fence, add new crush and gravel, and add 40 ft. timber to the area of erosion.

Funding Request- \$975

Hallstead

Streetlights

Project Amount - \$2,899.17

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the installation of 3 City of Concord Street Lights. This project will help to deter crime in the community.

Funding Request- \$1,499.59

Highland Creek

Inclusive Swing Project

Project Amount - \$3,850

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the installation of special needs playground equipment. This project helps to provide a more inclusive recreation area for children with disabilities living in the community.

Funding Request- \$3,000

Oakleaf

Pool Furniture Project

Project Amount – \$2,499

Request \$2,499 in matching grant funds to support enhancing the neighborhood's pool area by adding new pool furniture. The existing furniture has not been replaced for 10 years.

Funding Request- \$2,499

Overbrook Manor

Decorative Sign Posts

Project Amount – \$3,000

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to purchase and install decorative signposts for 3 street signs and 3 stop signs. The neighborhood currently has an illuminated street sign, matching mailboxes, and tree-lined curb strips, these additions will complete the aesthetics of Overbrook Manor.

Funding Request- \$3,000

Parkview Estates

Improvement of Common Area

Project Amount – \$3,000

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the creation of a large green space in the community's common area. The existing dog park area will be reduced in size. Installation of picnic tables, charcoal grills and park benches.

Funding Request- \$3,000

Winding Walk

Disc Golf Course & Corn Hole Courts

Project Amount – \$3,000

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the development of a five-hole disc golf course and two corn hole courts within the common area of the neighborhood.

Funding Request- \$3,000

Woodbridge

Irrigation System/Landscaping Upgrade

Project Amount – \$8,421

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to add an irrigation system extension, decorative plants, and a bench rest to the common area entrance of the community.

Funding Request- \$3,000

Zemosa Acres

Traffic Calming

Project Amount – \$2,500

Request \$2,500 in matching grant funds to support the installation of a digital radar display to show vehicles their current speed and warn them when they go over the posted limit.

Funding Request- \$2,500

PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED (*Failed to meet eligibility requirements*)

Brookvue applied for their Soil Erosion Mitigation and Swimming Pool Mushroom revitalization projects.

The committee decided this request did not meet the eligibility criteria because they considered it a maintenance project. Per the policy, “maintenance or repair projects that are the regular responsibility of the Homeowners, Property Owners, or Neighborhood Associations” are not covered by the grant.

Additionally, the neighborhood was a recipient of the FY23-24 NMG and their FY 23-24 project was not completed by the required June 30, 2024, deadline.

Roberta Ridge applied for their Detention Pond Beautification project. The project was for the improvement and beautification of the ponds in a common area of the neighborhood.

The committee decided this request did not meet the eligibility criteria because Roberta Ridge has not been formally recognized as a neighborhood in the Partnerships for Stronger Neighborhood program for at least a year. To be eligible for grant funding, the program requires membership for at least one year.

Both neighborhoods were given recommendations on how they could proceed with their projects with the help of other City programs or services.