

Informal Report to Mayor and Council



Neighborhood Matching Grants Fall 2011 Awards

City Council Meeting Date: 2-21-12

ISSUE

Update on Neighborhood Matching Grants recipients for Fall 2011.

DISCUSSION

On February 13, 2007, City Council authorized the development and implementation of a Neighborhood Matching Grants program. The program is supported by \$500,000 of gas well lease revenue retained by the City.

The goal of the Neighborhood Matching Grants program is to provide financial support for resident and community-based programs and activities that foster civic pride, enhance and beautify neighborhoods, and improve neighborhood vitality and participation. The program benefits the City of Arlington by making neighborhoods more attractive, raising the level of community pride, increasing civic participation by residents, and encouraging collaboration and formal organization of and among neighbors, neighborhoods, youth, non-profit organizations, and city government. The program is marketed by means of the Neighborhood Network, the Community Development and Planning department webpage, visits to community group meetings, and as a part of the neighborhood planning process.

The following is a list of recommended grant recipients, proposed projects, amount of grant funding requested, and neighborhood match.

| Organization | Project Highlights | Amount Requested | Neighborhood Match |
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| Fish Creek Neighborhood Association | Fish Creek Community Garden | \$10,000 | Volunteer labor |
| Overland Stage Neighborhood Association | Street sign toppers | \$675 | Volunteer labor |
| TOTAL of Grant Requests | | \$10,675 | |

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding for neighborhood matching grants is in General Gas Lease Fund 3095 910102 61002. To date the Fund balance is \$236,376.26. A total of \$267,724.80 has been expended for 57 projects since the program's inception in Spring 2007.

Total funding request for Fall 2011 funding cycle is \$10,675. The balance of funding for future funding cycles, and if all awards from this cycle are fully expended, will be \$225,701.26.

ACTION

Successful grant applicants will be notified of Council's action and scheduled for grant recipient training in April.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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| Attached: | Map highlighting project locations |
| Under separate cover: | None |
| Available in the City Secretary's Office: | None |

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