



To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager
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Re: 2016 Beautify Your Neighborhood Grant Applications

Background

The City received five completed 2016 Beautify Your Neighborhood Grant applications. The approved 2016 budget for grants is \$32,000. The total amount of grant funds requested from the five homeowner association applicants is \$18,510.78:

- Bishops Run/Bishops Crossing (\$5,000)
- Carrowmoor (\$2,380.50)
- Donegal Cliffs (\$3,802.50)
- Lowell Trace (\$3,428.28)
- Muirfield (\$3,780)

In March of 2015, three grants were awarded totaling \$14,592. In August of 2015, four grants were awarded totaling \$16,453. The total awarded grant funds for 2015 were \$31,045 out of a budget of \$32,000.

Descriptions

Bishop's Run/Bishop's Crossing

In 2012, Bishop's Run/Bishop's Crossing received a grant for the installation of five natural stone benches and landscape beds. The grant also included modifying the lighting system to a lower energy consumption by retrofitting with LED bulbs.

Bishop's Run/Bishop's Crossing has provided a comprehensive phasing plan including Phases A-G. The proposal for this BYNG application includes portions of Phases B and C. The first portion includes removing the Cherry Tree Bosques along Tullymore Drive and installing a total of 10 Oak trees along the entrances at Tullymore Drive. Phase C consists of enhancing three existing bench seating areas. This phase is broken up into parts that include adding stepping stones and additional slabs for seating.

<u>Total Grant Amount Requested:</u>	\$ 5,000
<u>Total Project Cost:</u>	\$10,980
<u>Match Amount:</u>	\$ 5,980
<u>In-kind Donations:</u>	\$ 1,000
<u>Volunteer:</u>	Yes
<u>National Wildlife Federation Certification:</u>	No

Staff Comments:

The application for Bishop's Run/Bishop's Crossing proposes removing existing Cherry Trees. This will require approval of an Amended Final Development Plan by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The submitted plans do not clearly show the phasing of the proposed work. Staff would like to see more variety of trees, including evergreens. Staff has concerns that Phase C does not include any planting or landscaping and only shows the installation of benches.

Conditions Proposed by Staff:

- 1) Receive approval of an Amended Final Development Plan from the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 2) Update plans to clarify phasing.
- 3) Work with staff to increase variety of plant material.
- 4) Work with staff to include landscaping along with installation of benches.

Carrowmoor

The application for Carrowmoor focuses on enhancing the landscaping around the entrance sign and upgrading the entryway on Corbins Mill Drive. The proposal includes power washing and repainting the entrance sign, the addition of an electrical outlet and upgrading to a more energy efficient decorative lighting.

<u>Total Grant Amount Requested:</u>	\$2,380.50
<u>Total Project Cost:</u>	\$ 4,761
<u>Match Amount:</u>	\$ 2,380.50
<u>In-kind Donations:</u>	\$ 500.00
<u>Volunteer:</u>	Yes

Staff Comments:

Staff has evaluated the proposal and determined it includes approved plants in the design. The amount of funds requested was more than half of the total project cost; the applicant would only be permitted \$2,380.50 in funds. The plans will also need updated to show the correct name of the Weeping White Spruces to avoid installing the wrong plant.

Conditions Proposed by Staff:

- 1) Clarify the amount of funds requested.
- 2) Update plans with the correct name of plant species.

Donegal Cliffs

The application for Donegal Cliffs is proposing to upgrade landscaping at the two entrances -- Donegal Cliffs Drive and Dunleary Drive. The Donegal Cliffs Drive entrance upgrades consist of adding blue spruce trees to both sides of the entrances; replacing the existing crab apple trees at the entrance pillars with flowering hydrangea trees to add color and similarity with the Dunleary Drive entrance; and replacing the missing boxwood shrubs. The upgrades to the Dunleary Drive entrance includes installing new boxwoods around the entrance pillars and relocating the existing

perennials to accommodate these changes. Electrical outlets at both entrances will be upgraded to permit the use of seasonal lighting.

<u>Total Grant Amount Requested:</u>	\$3,802.50
<u>Total Project Cost:</u>	\$7,605.00
<u>Match Amount:</u>	\$3,802.50
<u>In-kind Donations:</u>	None
<u>Volunteer:</u>	None

Staff Comments:

Staff has evaluated the proposal and determined it includes approved plants in the design. The proposed Blue Spruce trees should be substituted with an ornamental spruces such as a 'Fat Albert Spruce' to ensure the tree does not grow too large for the site. Staff also recommends only installing two Spruce trees instead of the proposed three.

Conditions Proposed by staff:

- 1) Substitute the Blue Spruces with 'Fat Albert Spruce' Tree or a species as approved by the City Forester.
- 2) Install two Spruce trees in preference of the proposed three.

Lowell Trace

The application for Lowell Trace includes renovating the entrance located at the intersection of Tullymore Drive and Avery-Muirfield Drive. The proposal includes an allocation for energy efficient LED lighting improvements; removal of all plant material and stone; and relocation of one magnolia per the plan. The application also includes column re-installation, wall and boulder installation, topsoil backfill for walls and landscaping. Landscaping includes installing eight green gem boxwoods, 30 happy returns daylily, 10 catmint, 7 fragrant viburnum and 6 knock-out shrub roses.

<u>Total Grant Amount Requested:</u>	\$3,428.28
<u>Total Project Cost:</u>	\$7,356.56
<u>Match Amount:</u>	\$3,928.28
<u>In-kind Donations:</u>	None
<u>Volunteer:</u>	None

Staff Comments:

Staff is requesting a Maintenance Agreement, due to the entry feature being located on City property. The Blue Spruces should be substituted for a smaller species such as 'Fat Albert Spruce' and the proposed Knock-out-Shrubs Roses should be substituted for a species that is more tolerant to urban conditions, such as large perennials.

Conditions Proposed by staff:

- 1) The HOA work with staff on a Maintenance Agreement for the entry feature that is located on City property.

- 2) Substitute the Blue Spruces with 'Fat Albert Spruce' Tree or a species as approved by the City Forester.
- 3) Install two Spruce trees in preference of the proposed three.

Muirfield Village

The application for Muirfield Village focuses on upgrading and enhancing the intersection at Carnoustie Drive and Glick Road (Muirfield Village 12). The proposal includes removing overgrown aged materials, refreshing the soil and installing trees, shrubs, annuals and accent lighting to give the intersection a fresh, updated, inviting appearance with materials hardy to the plant zone.

<u>Total Grant Amount Requested:</u>	\$3,780
<u>Total Project Cost:</u>	\$7,560
<u>Match Amount:</u>	\$3,780
<u>In-kind Donations:</u>	None
<u>Volunteer:</u>	Yes
<u>National Wildlife Federation Certification:</u>	No

Staff Comments:

Staff has reviewed and evaluated the proposal and is requesting that the applicant work with staff on the appropriate plant types depending on the desired color of the landscaping.

Conditions proposed by staff:

- 1) Work with staff to select the appropriate plants for the desired color at the intersections.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Community Development Committee of Council review the 2016 grant applications and make recommendations to City Council regarding approval of the grants. Staff is also requesting permission for a fall grant award for the remainder of the 2016 grant funds.