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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council
From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager
Date: August 18, 2016
Initiated By: Claudia D. Husak, AICP, Senior Planner
Re: 2016 Beautify Your Neighborhood Grant Applications - FALL

Background

The City received two completed 2016 Beautify Your Neighborhood Grant applications for the fall application cycle. The approved 2016 budget for grants is $32,000. The total amount of grant funds awarded for the five homeowner association for the spring cycle applicants was $18,510.78. The remaining funds total $13,489.22. Fall requests are:

- Willow Grove ($5,000)
- Lowell Trace ($1,279.30)

The awarded spring grants were:

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

The total grant requests for 2016 are $24,790.08 out of a budget of $32,000. The total awarded grant funds for 2015 were $31,045, also out of a budget of $32,000.

Descriptions

Willow Grove

This neighborhood is proposing to use the grant award to continue renovating the two front entrances off Emerald Parkway. Prior to requesting a grant, the neighborhood completed major improvements to the serpentine brick walls. The grant request would fund landscape improvements with the addition of different species of hydrangeas, boxwoods and a general clean-up of the entrance areas along this prominent roadway.

Total Grant Amount Requested:	**$5,000**
Total Project Cost:	$13,865.01
Match Amount:	$ 8,861.01
In-kind Donations:	none
Volunteer:	HOA in completing the application
National Wildlife Federation Certification:	No

Staff Comments:
The proposed modifications to the landscaping for these prominent locations within the City will enhance the entrances to the Willow Grove neighborhood and add additional color and interest to the renovations that the HOA has undertaken this far.

Lowell Trace
This neighborhood was awarded a grant in spring of this year for renovating the entrance located at the intersection of Tullymore Drive and Avery-Muirfield Drive. The proposal included energy efficient LED lighting improvements; removal of all plant material and stone; and relocation of one magnolia per the plan. The application also included column re-installation, wall and boulder installation, topsoil backfill for walls and landscaping. The total grant awarded was $3,428.28.

During pre-construction inspection of the site to confirm how the renovation plan will be implemented, a weakened footer was identified, which needs to be addressed as part of the renovation. Therefore the neighborhood is re-applying for additional grant funding to cover the additional cost associated with the sign stabilization.

Total Grant Amount Requested:	**$1,229.30**
Total Project Cost:	$2,558.60
Match Amount:	$1,229.30
In-kind Donations:	None
Volunteer:	None

Staff Comments:
Given that the entire amount (spring and fall requests combined) fall under the total match amount per neighborhood, $4,704.58 out of $5,000 available and the fact that the sign stability issue was not uncovered until renovation was to begin, staff supports the request for the additional funding.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Community Development Committee of Council review the 2016 fall grant applications and make recommendations to City Council regarding approval of the grants.