



## HUMAN SERVICE AND COMMUNITY VITALTY

**Date:** November 1, 2016

**To:** Surprise City Council

**From:** Seth Dyson, Director  
Jodi Tas, Assistant to Council II

**Re:** Neighborhood Grant Program FY17

### **Introduction**

The Neighborhood Grant Program provides neighborhoods with grant opportunities or monetary assistance for funding community events, neighborhood functions or even some improvements. This outlet provides the opportunity to request assistance with the goal of building community engagement and stronger relationships with the City of Surprise.

### **Background**

The Neighborhood Grant Program began in FY16 when City Council approved the pilot program with a recommended budget of \$10,000. The city received five applications totaling \$31,976. Four of those programs were funded.

### **Funding**

The City Council designated \$10,000 for the Neighborhood Grant Program of the \$75,000 approved for the Surprise Community Outreach Program. However, due to funds that did not get distributed during the Community Outreach Program application process in September, \$13,000 is available to award.

The Committee on Community Outreach, Partnerships and Grants reviewed applications and are making recommendations to the full City Council for which groups get funding.

### **Committee Recommendations**

The Committee on Community Outreach, Partnerships and Grants held a meeting October 13<sup>th</sup> to review, discuss and act upon the eligible applications received. A total of 2 neighborhood applications were received. Applicants were invited to the committee meeting to present their project to the committee. Both applicants made presentations.

Committee recommendations are as follows:

Neighborhood/Applicant	Project Name	Requested Amount	Committee Recommendation
Marley Park	Veteran Commemorative Plaza	\$3,000	\$3,000
Sanalina	Water Conservation / Playground equipment	\$3,000	\$3,000
	<b>Request Total</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

**Future Actions**

- Award notifications to be sent immediately after Council action
- Spending and projects must be complete by June 15, 2017

**Recommendation**

Approval of Neighborhood Grant Program awards as recommended by the Committee on Community Outreach, Partnerships and Grants.