

## HUMAN SERVICE AND COMMUNITY VITALITY



**Date:** January 3, 2017

**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 FY2016 when City Council approved the pilot program with a recommended budget of \$10,000. The city received five applications totaling \$31,976. Four of five those programs were funded. Round one of the FY2017 applications were approved by City Council on November 1, 2016, funding two applicants totaling \$6,000. Due to remaining funds, the Committee on Community Partnerships and Grants extended the application acceptance period.

### **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 in FY17.

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 December 15<sup>th</sup> to review, discuss and act upon the eligible applications received during the extended

application period. 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 Round 1	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>

Neighborhood/Applicant Round 2	Project Name	Requested Amount	Committee Recommendation
Benevilla	Surprise Community Garden Kiosk	\$1,485	\$1,485
WHAM	Recycled Arts Festival	\$3,975	\$3,975
	<b>Request Total</b>	<b>\$5,460</b>	<b>\$5,460</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.