

MEMO

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From: Katherine Ramirez Campbell, Community Outreach Coordinator

Date: June 30, 2023

Subject: Neighborhood Matching Grant Funding Recommendation FY 2023-2024

The following is a brief description of NMG projects, which are being recommended for funding. The review committee determined that these ten projects best meet the criteria for funding.

Bedford Farms

Trail Phase 3

Project Amount - \$10,550

Requests \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the continuation of their NMG trail project for the third year in a row. This phase of the project focuses on accessibility and plans include paving the area between the two bridges that have been installed along the trail and addressing an erosion issue.

Funding Recommendation- \$3,000

Brookvue

Playground Expansion 2

Project Amount - \$6,734

Requests \$2,700 in matching grant funds to support the installation of 1 see-saw or teeter-totter, 1 generic playground item (swing or monkey bar), and 1 net to cover the children's play area. Their project goal is to improve the playground so the children within the community increase the amount of time spent outside playing with one another and decrease their screen time. They saw success from their last NMG project and wish to continue to expand and improve the park.

Funding Recommendation - \$2,700

Carriage Downs

Lawn to Woodlands

Project Amount - \$3,841

Requests \$1,800 in matching grant funds to support the transformation of a common within the neighborhood from a grassy mowed area to a small woodland. The project would plant 5 native red and white oak trees and 3 red bud trees during the fall. Neighbors seek to cease mowing this common area and restore woodlands to improve wildlife habitats and lessen costs to the association.

Funding Request- \$1,800

Fairway Ridge

Street Sign Decorative Posts

Project Amount - \$4,397

Request \$2,100 matching grant funds to support the replacement of the final two city posts in the neighborhood with decorative posts. This is the final phase of a long-term beautification project for Fairway Ridge to swap out city-provided signs and posts for decorative designs. All necessary coordination with the Transportation Department has been completed.

Funding Request- \$2,100

Glen Grove

Playground Improvements

Project Amount - \$6,493

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to rebuild the community playground that has been neglected for years and closed for months due to safety concerns identified during a recent safety inspection. The project involves replacing most of the structure, making cosmetic improvements, and adding mulch. Their goal is to create a welcoming environment for families within the community.

Funding Request- \$3,000

Hidden Pond

Picnic Tables

Project Amount - \$6,259

Request \$2,450 in matching grant funds to support the installation of 5 picnic tables within the community gazebo. Last year, the neighborhood used the NMG to place benches near the community ponds which have been highly used and appreciated. The project goal is to enhance the existing amenity of the gazebo to improve its functionality for the benefit of residents.

Funding Request- \$2,450

Morris Glen

Playground and Basketball Security

Project Amount – \$14,233

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the installation of security cameras and electronic locks to their basketball court and playground areas. The neighborhood used NMG funds last year to resurface their basketball court which has greatly increased the use of this common area. However, they now have safety concerns because the gates to the neighborhood courts and playground are often left open. They would like to install electronic locks and security cameras to prevent theft and vandalism to the amenities.

Funding Request- \$3,000

Moss Creek

Tennis Court LED Lighting

Project Amount - \$8,3997

Request \$2,550 in matching grant funds to support replacing the neighborhoods existing tennis/pickleball court lighting. Moss Creek would like to update the lights over their tennis/pickleball courts to energy-efficient LED lighting. The new lights would improve safety, be cost-efficient, and be more environmentally friendly.

Funding Request- \$2,550

Park View Estates

Entrance Enhancements

Project Amount – \$4,397

Request \$2,200 in matching grant funds to support enhancing the neighborhood's entrances by adding lighting and resurfacing the natural wood features of the community sign. This project would address the low visibility there is in these entry areas of the neighborhood and bring more attention to the signage that display's the neighborhood's name. This beautification project will also help inspire pride within the community.

Funding Request- \$2,200

Sheffield Manor

Trash Receptacles

Project Amount – \$3,317

Request \$1,600 in matching grant funds to support the purchase and placement of trash and recycling receptacles within community common areas. Residents would assist in the placing installation of the receptacles and then the maintenance would become part of the organization's ongoing expenses. Upon completion, the tangible outcome will be a visibly cleaner park, a drastic reduction in litter, and a stronger sense of community pride in maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of the resident's shared space.

Funding Request- \$1,600

The Courtyards on Poplar Tent

Emergency Rescue Project

Project Amount – \$2,500

Request \$1,200 in matching grant funds to support the purchase of a fully automatic Zoll AED 3 Unit. The AED Unit will be housed in the community clubhouse, available for emergencies. TCOPT is a 55+ community that has partnered with the Concord Fire Department to receive CPR certification classes for the community. With this project, the will continue to expand classes to improve community emergency preparedness.

Funding Request- \$1,200



Winding Walk

Traffic Safety

Project Amount – \$6,784

Request \$3,000 in matching grant funds to support the purchase and installation of additional radar feedback system speed limit signs within the community. This project is a continuation of the neighborhood's FY22-23 NMG project allowed for data collection of speeding vehicles within high-traffic areas of the neighborhood. Results from the first set of radar signs decreased speeds on average between 17%-50%. The goal is to continue to deter speeding and increase safety for pedestrians and drivers within the community. Winding Walk has collaborated with the City of Concord's Transportation Department for this project.

Funding Request- \$3,000

Yates Meadow

Spruce it up!

Project Amount – \$5,350

Request \$2,600 in matching grant funds to support the three mini-projects that will “spruce up” community areas. Funds will cover the cost of mulch for the neighborhood playground and front entrances which will be replaced by resident volunteers. The majority of the costs will go towards building a trash can bin to hold the trash cans in the pool area to protect them from the elements and critters.

Funding Request- \$2,600