



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to approve Community Development Advisory Commission funding recommendations for the FY06 Neighborhood Partners Program in the amount of \$21,952. (Districts 1,6)

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) is offered by the Department of Community Development to assist neighborhood/community groups within designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target zones to support neighborhood beautification and improvement projects. Eligible groups must be formally established organizations with designated officers, membership rosters, and a history of neighborhood involvement. The NPP provides matching grants of up to \$5,000 in goods and services to accomplish approved projects. The match provided by the applicant must be equal to at least 50 percent of the total project cost and may be supplied in the form of cash, goods and services, and volunteer work hours. (Volunteer work hours may not be the sole match.)

Notices of funding availability were sent to over 400 community groups and neighborhood associations within the CDBG target zones on August 19, 2005. Six proposals were received in the competition for funds. A special committee of the Community Development Advisory Commission (CDAC) reviewed and ranked each application based upon pre-established criteria that emphasized positive neighborhood improvement projects. At its October 12, 2005 meeting, CDAC unanimously voted to recommend all six proposals for funding. A summary of the applications received and funding requests/recommendations is attached. The recommended funding level is \$21,952.00.

This Council letter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on October 21, 2005 and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 24, 2005.

Council action on this matter is not time critical.

Sufficient funds to support the Neighborhood Partners Program have been budgeted in the Community Development Funds (SR/150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact on the General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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