

CITY OF MARYSVILLE AGENDA BILL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR ACTION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 11/9/15

AGENDA ITEM: Community Beautification Program Grant	
PREPARED BY: Tonya Miranda DEPARTMENT: Executive Department	DIRECTOR APPROVAL:
ATTACHMENTS: 1. Description of Grant Application Proposed Projects	
BUDGET CODE: 00199524.548000	AMOUNT: \$25,500.00
SUMMARY:	

The Community Beautification Program Grant Review Committee convened on October 27, 2015 to review grant applications. Funding available is \$30,000 through 2016.

The committee recommended award of \$25,500 to applicants.

Tuscany Homeowners Association Replacement of fence along community park perimeter	\$5,000.00
Kellogg Village Homeowners Association Replacement of fence around park at entrance to neighborhood	\$5,000.00
102nd Place NE Clean-up of stormwater ponds at entrance to neighborhood	\$5,000.00
Rolling Green Estates Replacement of trees in community park	\$5,000.00
Sunnyside Estates Replanting of neighborhood gateway at subdivision entrance	\$500.00
Otter Creek Fencing of detention pond and vegetation cleanup/removal	\$5,000.00

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Community Beautification Program Grant Review Committee's recommendation to award funding.

Community Beautification Program Grant Application Descriptions

Tuscany HOA - Replacement of Fence along Community Park Perimeter

Tuscany HOA is in need of replacing the fence along the west side of our community park. This project was considered in the past and decided against due to the financial impact. The fence is approximately 18 years old and in need of replacement. Our community park is undergoing renovations which will enhance the overall appearance of the park making it more inviting to our homeowners and neighbors. The fence replacement will enhance the community appeal as well as make our community park a more favorable place to enjoy. The HOA is having a fencing contractor, licensed and bonded do the work. The HOA will be tasked with maintaining the fence. This project, once completed, will strengthen our pride in community and provide an example for other communities to follow.

Kellogg Village HOA - Replacement of Fence around Park at Entrance to Neighborhood

We would like to replace the broken and vandalized Vinyl fence, which protects our parks at the entry to our community. This is the first impression someone has of our community and is a matter of pride for our owners. We have contacted town and country fence for the bid and they will remove the old fence and replace it with a nice, black chain link of 3' in height. This will be a maintenance and vandalism free solution to our parks. By replacing this fence it will not only protect our parks, but it will raise the bar, not allowing our community to slip into disrepair and increased crime. We work hard to raise this bar which in turn has promoted more individual ownership and accountability for owners' lots, raising values and limiting vacant homes up for sale for long periods due to the condition of the neighborhood.

102nd Place NE - Clean-up of Stormwater Ponds at Entrance to Neighborhood

The entrance to our neighborhood at the intersection of 51st Ave NE and 102nd Pl NE hosts two, large privately owned stormwater ponds that service approximately 80 homeowners across several blocks. The ponds are hazardous eyesores that require significant improvements to become safe, functional and welcoming amenities within our neighborhood. This community beautification project is broken into four phases, the first of which was completed this summer. We are requesting funds to implement Phase Two of the project in the late fall/early winter of 2015. Phase One: Clear invasive, Himalayan blackberry bushes, trash and hazardous waste from the entrance and exits of three storm pipes to ensure they are ready to process fall, winter and spring rain events. Phase Two: Remove hazardous trees, primarily cottonwood, and finish clearing Himalayan blackberries, trash and hazardous waste from the two ponds. Phase Three: Seed and/or plug the ponds with native, flood and drought tolerant ground covers such as slough sedge (*Carex obnupta*) and small fruited bulrush (*Scirpus microcarpus*) to help prevent future infestations of Himalayan blackberry from becoming established. Phase Four: Replace existing wood fence with chain link and post signage on both ponds that identifies the sites as well maintained stormwater facilities that provide multiple community benefits.

Rolling Green Estates - Replacement of Trees in Community Park

We are respectfully requesting \$5,000 to help fund the replacement of trees in our 7-acre community park. We have allocated over \$6,000 for the removal of 14 dead and diseased trees, and we are seeking funds to cover the cost of purchasing and planting 25 new trees that will provide long term beauty and seasonal interest. Rolling Green Estates is a thriving and diverse multi-generational community on 100th St NE between 59th Dr NE and 62nd Dr NE. Our community is beginning to recover from the recession of 2008 when many homes were lost to foreclosure and long term residents moved away. Recently, there has been a renewed interest in bringing back the beauty and livability of this unique neighborhood. The Rolling Green Estates HOA, in cooperation with the residents, has begun to implement a list of projects to restore this neighborhood and attract like-minded residents. One of those projects is the replacement of trees in the park.

Sunnyside Estates - Replanting of Neighborhood Gateway at Subdivision Entrance

This project will enhance the appearance of Sunnyside Estates by replacing dead plants with drought-resistant shrubs at the entrance monument and a bare common area. Also, dead/damaged red maple trees along the street need to be replaced. All labor and maintenance is done by homeowner volunteers and a contracted landscape firm. This work would make for a more visually appealing area, plus adding plants to the bare area would improve the environment and water runoff.

Otter Creek - Fencing of Detention Pond and Vegetation Cleanup/Removal

The homeowners of Otter Creek have received letters from the City of Marysville that we are out of compliance for the north and south entrances to Otter Creek. Unfortunately, when these homes were sold, there was no compliance required for an HOA, so no HOA was formed. Unfortunately, not all neighbors want to participate in an HOA at this time. We are requested grant funding to bring the north and south entrances up to code, including removing trees, killing weeds, removing brush and debris, cutting trees, clearing drains, posting signs, repairing a fence, repairing the Otter Creek sign, setting up quarterly maintenance and forming a neighborhood watch.