

Neighborhood Improvement Grant Scoring Committee

March 1, 2024; 12pm

Present

Zac McFarland, Moose Can Gully

Kalina Pritchard, Neighborhood Specialist

Melissa Glueckert, Neighborhood Specialist

Gracie Sanford, Lower Rattlesnake

Colleen Biehl, Lewis & Clark

Claire Battaglia, Lewis & Clark

Jenn Worrell, Franklin to the Fort

The Garden City Harvest Free Food Pantry grant in the northside/westside neighborhood was withdrawn and did not give a specific reason. Although last meeting the committee had some questions on this project as it relates to Parks and Recreation. P&R got back to the neighborhoods office and answered these questions. Although they do not own the space this pantry would be on, they manage the space so the project would need confirmation from parks and recreation.

The committee wanted to fund Kiwanis Park partially and had questions regarding if the project would be able to be completed with other funds if this project did not receive full funding. The applicant got back to the neighborhood's office with more news on this. Aaron Wilson with Public works and mobility met with the applicants and thinks the city might be able to contribute funds to the trail portion of the project through the RAISE grant. The applicants are interested in funding for other parts of this project such as vegetation, tree planting, park benches, and/or amenities that raise grant doesn't cover. The committee discussed whether this would be a scope change for the project and whether it would be appropriate or not. Despite the vague project description, they do have this stated in their application.

Jenn- If they get the grant, can they spend the money on anything?

Kalina- No, this is a reimbursement grant, so it has to be in the scope of the project. For example, last year the Northside/westside put in a grant for putting in quick build traffic circles in the neighborhood, however with the permits, this project ended up moving a little bit. The murals were done other places. For this project, if the bulk of it is still the same they could use this money in a different way. We should ask them to send an addendum to mark what is changing here. Kalina will ask the applicants for an addendum to better describe the project and to update their budget and will check in with parks and recreation regarding the status of them getting the grant.

MDF Under bridge painting had answers to the committee's questions from last meeting. They already have an artist for the downtown under bridge, so they are not going to need to hire someone. The supplies didn't have a detailed budget because they are planning on using up the supplies from their initial phase and want to use it up therefore they are unsure the cost for what they need. They gave the approximant cost from the last project in order to use whatever other supplies are needed. The committee's question regarding the permits needed for this project were answered. The applicants have a meeting set up with MDT about the pillar proposal and don't anticipate denial on the permit. The

committee had questions regarding the volunteers. The applicants are planning on using the established volunteer pool from their initial phase and asking their 600-person volunteer list.

Rose Park- Misunderstood the 2025 date but did explain to GCH regarding the 2025 date.

Claire- feel better about funding the under bridge, although not sure I like the lack of community support. Rose Park still didn't really explain what we needed to give them funding.

Zac- Do we consider past grants? The Downtown association put in for a grant last year and did not get it.

Kalina- We don't have true metrics to measure this on the paper, but we can consider it.

Colleen- I think Rose Park should resubmit next year. Too bad that happened but application not ready.

Kalina- Is everyone still good with funding the first two? Franklin Elementary Garden Expansion and the Clark Fork Native Prairie Sign Project.

Committee is in agreement that Rose Park will not be funded this year but will be a good application next year.

Committee's Decision:

Franklin Garden Expansion - \$6,000

Clark Fork Native Prairie Sign Project- \$5,800

Kiwanis Park- \$2,200

Under Bridge Painting- \$6,000

Rose Park- \$0

Moved by: Colleen Biehl, 2nd by Jenn Worrell. All in favor, no objections.