

Memo



To: CDBG Committee Members
From: Nancy Dungan, Grants Administrator
Date: September 29, 2017
Re: Awarding \$120,000 in CDBG funds to neighborhood improvement projects

This resolution will authorize the Community Development Division (CDD) to enter into agreements with Community GroundWorks, Inc, and City Parks, Engineering and Traffic Engineering Divisions to implement four neighborhood improvement projects identified as part of the Darbo, Worthington and Starkweather Creek Neighborhood Plan.

Background

The CDD provided funding for a neighborhood plan in the Darbo, Worthington and Starkweather Creek neighborhoods, which was adopted by the Common Council in September 2017. As part of its financial support for the neighborhood plan, the CDD allocated an additional \$120,000 to support the implementation of eligible projects selected through the planning process.

Funding for the proposed projects includes up to \$55,000 to the City's Parks Division for improvements to Worthington and Reger Parks; up to \$35,000 to the Engineering Division to install canoe launch along Starkweather Creek; up to \$10,000 to the Traffic Engineering Division to install energy efficient street lighting in the Worthington neighborhood; and up to \$20,000 to Community GroundWorks, Inc, develop a new community garden in the Worthington neighborhood, and to make improvements to the St Paul community garden.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the resolution authorizing \$120,000 of CDBG funds for the implementation of neighborhood improvement projects in the Darbo, Worthington and Starkweather Creek neighborhoods, as outlined in the resolution.