

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 04/11/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0291

**LOG NAME:** 19BZP / NTHC NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY GARDEN

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 2 / Future CD 2) Authorize Acceptance of Grant for the Neighborhood Services Department in the Amount of \$5,000.00 from Blue Zones Project / North Texas Healthy Communities for the Purpose of Supporting the Community Garden at Northside Community Center, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of a grant for the Neighborhood Services Department in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Blue Zones Project / North Texas Healthy Communities; and
  2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of supporting the community garden at Northside Community Center.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Blue Zones Project / North Texas Healthy Communities (BZP/NTHC), the non-profit arm of Texas Health Resources to support the community garden at Northside Community Center at 1100 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

Studies show school and community gardens encourage participants to eat more fruits and vegetables and are linked to happier moods, lower rates of obesity, and healthier habits lasting into adulthood. With this partnership, Northside Community Center will be digging in to help new gardens take root.

This grant will allow for supplies and equipment for cultivation and maintenance of the community garden; supplies for community garden education; and instructors to provide workshops that support garden cultivation, maintenance, or nutrition education.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Other Fund. Neighborhood Services Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to any expenditures being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This an advance grant.

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