Department New Request Form
Fiscal Year 2022

Program	**Development Services**	***Title of New Request:***	***Rank:*** 3
Department	Planning	Increase Funding to Neighborhood Grant Program	
Request Category	**New**		
Request Rating	**Expand Level of Service**		
Department Goal	Promote a resilient, sustainable community through the expansion of innovative programs like the Neighborhood Improvement Grants program		

1. How will request assist in acheiving Department Goal and benefit the customer?

Neighborhood Improvement Grants support resident-initiated projects that improve our neighborhoods and the City as a whole. These projects facilitate civic cooperation, neighbor engagement, and community building while making signficant real physical improvements to benefit Missoulians. The most impactive and inclusive way we can support vibrant neighborhoods that reflect the needs and values of residents and enhance quality of life within our communities is to empower residents through neighborhood grants. This empowerment helps our communities reflect the values and visions, policies and plans, we hold for Missoula and our distinct neighborhoods. When residents can help determine the improvement priorities for their neighborhood, place those priorities inside the framework of adopted city plans, and then engage in solution-making, the City is fostering strong, connected communities. The Neighborhood Improvement Grants Program supports operating principles that are a direct result of community engagement and inclusion. This program is designed to promote equity, inclusions, and engagement within Neighborhoods. Following the Neigbhorhoods Assessment recommendations (endoresed by Forum and City Council) we are actively focusing on creating greater inclusivity and diverse representation of all Missoula residents from rewriting bylaws and operations guides to reworking our grants program to be more accessible and applications to be scored with equity in mind. The City's Strategic Plan reinforces the need to engage neighborhoods to indentify and understand needs. Increasing the Neighborhood Improvement Grant program will help to support a thriving community in which we live, work, and play. The ability to sufficiently fund projects that enrich our neighborhoods, builds positive civic connections, and empowers residents to help address the needs and values of Missoula is fundamental to the Mission of our City.

2. What specifically is needed to achieve this goal?

Each year our Neighborhood Grants program is highly competitive for small fund amounts that rarely fully fund a project. An increase in annual grant funds would yield greater citizen participation and would allow an increase in impact both in the number of projects funded and in the scale of project to undertaken. The increase in funds for Neighborhood Grants is in alignment with other neighborhood program improvements that help to educate, energize and empower residents.

3. Cost Impact of New Program:

Account #	Item	Qnty	Unit Cost	Requested One-Time	Requested Ongoing	2022 Unfunded	2022 Funded	Proposed 2023 Ongoing
Ongoing Expenses								
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One-time Expenses								
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			Expense Sub-Total	**-**	**20,000**	**20,000**	**-**	**-**

Revenue Offset:

Account #		Revenue Description	Proposed Onetime Revenue	Proposed Ongoing Revenue
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		Revenue Sub-Total	**-**	**20,000**

4. What sort of data will be used to report results and outcomes of request?

Data will show an increase in either the number of grants funded and the scale of grants funded.

Requested/Proposed Funding Source		
	One-time	**Ongoing**
Tax or Assessment	**-**	**20,000**
Non-tax	**-**	**-**
Fund Balance	**-**	**-**
Total	**-**	**20,000**