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SUBJECT: 2018 Innovative Grant Projects Summary
DATE: April 26, 2018

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Please select the type of presentation you will be making to the Council Committee.
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Community and Economic Development staff will present an overview of the 2018 Innovative Grant projects that the eight Neighborhood Councils have recommended for funding.

BACKGROUND:

Innovative Grants have been an important element of the neighborhood involvement and citizen engagement since the mid-1970s. Historically, the funding was tied to Community Development Block Grant and Real Estate Excise Tax which required that most projects be capital projects in the right-of-way; often resulting in projects such as traffic circles and speed humps.

In 2015-16, the funding source for Innovative Grants was strategically shifted to General Fund to allow citizens a path to more creative and innovative solutions to address neighborhood issues and enhance their community.

The current Innovative Grant round:

- is General Fund supported at \$320,000
- allows for greater project flexibility
- has even distribution (\$36,000 per Neighborhood Council)
- includes a 10% maintenance fund (\$32,000)

Enhancements for 2017-18:

- greater emphasis on first-time applicants and equity/diversity
- two rounds in the biennium

OVERVIEW:

This presentation will provide an overview of 2018 projects recommended that primarily meet the community's goals of placemaking, community connection/communication, community gardens, pedestrian safety, litter abatement, art/murals, and multicultural awareness.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

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