



City Council Memorandum

To: Mayor Fasbender & City Councilmembers
From: Chris Jenkins, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: April 17, 2023
Item: Community Investment Fund Recommendations

Council Action Requested: Approve the Finance Committee of Council's recommendations for Community Investment Fund funding.

Background Information: As part of the 2023 Budget, the City Council continued the Community Investment Fund and allocated \$100,000.00 in funding for 2023.

The Community Investment Fund is focused on partnerships and civic engagement with a goal of creating and supporting vibrant, community-supported, public projects and efforts.

A review of applications was completed with the Finance Committee of Council on Wednesday, April 5th. A total of 8 applications were received. Committee and staff unanimously recommend funding for 7 of the 8 applications.

- Downtown Business Association: \$10,525.75 for holiday lighting in the downtown area. DBA matching with \$10,525.75.
- Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R): \$10,000.00 to complete Phase 2 in their process of finalizing and refining a future art project and installation. BR4R matching with \$3,000.00.
- Dakota County Historical Society, Leduc Mansion: \$12,000.00 for new shelving, archival supplies, creating of new exhibits and roofing materials for the chicken coop. DCHS matching with \$3,379.00.
- Hastings Football Club: \$27,000.00 to complete contracted core aeration and top-dressing projects in 2023 at the Veterans Athletic Complex Soccer Fields. HFC has committed to up to \$25,000.00 in funding to continue improving the soccer facilities in Hastings.
- Hastings Environmental Protectors:
 - \$4,500.00 to purchase and install 2 floating bio islands at Cari Park Pond to improve water quality and test these islands for future expanded use in Hastings. HEP matching with \$500.00
 - \$3,000.00 to install annual, rotating Dale Lewis art pieces in Vermillion Linear Park. A 3-year project, with the art piece changing annually, and coordinated with the Arts Commission.

- \$5,650.00 to purchase and install site specific pollinator interpretive and educational signage at HEP installed and maintained pollinator patches. HEP matching with \$500.00

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Financial Impact:

Allocation remains within the \$100,000.00 budget allocation for the 2023 CIF. Approximately \$72,675.75 is being allocated at this time. Applicants are matching this allocation with up to \$42,904.75 to complete these projects.

A balance of \$27,324.25 remains to support additional CIF projects in 2023.

Advisory Commission Discussion:

Arts & Culture Commission met April 12 and was supportive of the HEP sculpture rentals. The Commission raised concerns about time/cost/coordination with City staff for installation, location of installation, and liability concerns if someone were hurt climbing on a sculpture.

Council Committee Discussion:

Finance Committee met on Wednesday, April 25 and offered the included, unanimous recommendation.

Attachments:

- N/A