



Date: May 8, 2012

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Rhonda B. Parker, Director, Parks and Recreation
Subject: Acceptance of 2012 Nourishing North Carolina Grant

Executive Summary

In April 2012, the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association awarded a Nourishing North Carolina Grant to the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department (DPR). The grant of \$3,100.00 will support the development of one new community garden and the expansion of two others. The Durham County Center of the NC Cooperative Extension will be a sub-recipient of this grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. There is no match required for the acceptance of this grant.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the City Council adopt the 2012 Nourishing North Carolina Grant Project Ordinance and authorize the City Manager to execute any associated grant documents up to an amount of \$3,100.00.

Background

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Association (NCRPA) in partnership with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina established the Nourishing NC Grant program to encourage the development and expansion of community gardens in all 100 counties in North Carolina. A provision of this grant is that each garden must share a portion of its harvest with an agency that distributes food to those in need.

DPR in partnership with the Durham County Center submitted an application in March 2012. The funding received will provide for the following:

1. Historic Leigh Farm Park – DPR will use funding to purchase and install a pump for the re-establishment of the historic orchard at the park as well as topsoil replenishment at the orchard site.
2. Birchwood Heights Community Center – as a sub-recipient of this grant, the Durham County Center will establish a community garden with members of the Birchwood Heights neighborhood on the community center grounds.
3. Briggs Avenue Community Garden – as a sub-recipient of this grant, the Durham County Center will use funding to establish an orchard at the Briggs Avenue Community Garden.

Issues and Analysis

There is no match required for accepting this grant. The funding will impact three distinct projects within the City of Durham. In order to maximize the impact of this funding and to have partners in the project, the Durham County Center is a sub-recipient of this grant.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to adopt the proposed grant project ordinance; DPR would not accept the grant from NCRPA and would not enter into a sub-recipient agreement with Durham County Center.

Financial Impact

The grant for \$3,100 does not require a match. There is no known negative financial impact to receiving this grant.

Attachments:

Grant Project Ordinance for the 2012 Nourishing North Carolina Grant Project
Award letter (email) from North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association