



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. AF
4/9/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution accepting \$225,000 in grant funds and approving an agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry for Tree Risk Mitigation and Planting in Strong Neighborhoods Initiative areas; and authorizing execution of necessary documents. Wards 6 and 7.

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to provide environmentally safe and resilient open spaces, parks and private properties for the citizens and visitors of Oklahoma City, specifically in Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) areas, Capitol Hill, Martin Luther King, and Metro Park neighborhoods.

The grant funds will be used to assess the tree canopies, trim and remove hazardous trees, and plant new trees in appropriate places throughout public and private properties in SNI neighborhoods.

Over the past 10 years of the SNI NeighborWoods program, hazardous trees have been removed for more than 350 low-to moderate income residents and nearly 500 trees have been planted, utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry requested to partner with the SNI and provide this funding opportunity in order to accelerate mitigation efforts and implement a tree planting strategy throughout SNI areas.

The agreement shall be valid for twelve (12) months from the effective date. The agreement and \$225,000 grant funds allocation may be renewed up to three times. No match is required for this grant.

Budget:

\$225,000

Source of Funds:

GRANTS MANAGEMENT – OKLAHOMA DEPT OF AGRICULTURE - 22DG11083140009
(OCITY-1923-2400207-G0000-G90023)

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.