

Neighborhood Pool Infrastructure Grant Program

Worksession 2/12/2020



Purpose of the Briefing

- Update Council on the Neighborhood Commission's work with the neighborhood pools and on Neighborhood Pool Infrastructure Grant Program
- Provide grant expectations & program timeline

"Community Pool Days" Grant Neighborhood Pool Grant Program

- Over 12 yr grant partnership (Neighborhood Grant funds)
- 7 Neighborhood pools: (Olde Wythe, Mallory, Riverdale, Northampton, Willow Oaks, Elizabeth Lake, & Briar Queen)
- Began as an effort to:
 - Increase safe access to water for youth
 - Encourage community exposure to community assets
- Each pool is eligible for up to \$5,000 annually
- Since 2011, average of 6,000 annually visitors to the during 9 "community pool days" at the beginning of season (nearly 10% of swim season days)

Neighborhood Pool Infrastructure Grant Program Background

- Identified as Council Strategic priority in 2017
- Funded in FY20/FY21 CIP for a total of \$1mil Intended to:
 - Ensure long term sustainability of key community assets
 - Address critical, safety, and efficiency issues
- Policy development process:
 - Staff & Commissioners framed grant program (11/2019)
 - Convened pools for initial insight and guidance (11/2019)
 - Draft reviewed by Resources Committee (12/2019)
 - Reviewed draft with the pool managers (12/2019)
 - Draft policy approved by Resources Committee (1/7/2020)
 - Final policy adopted by Neighborhood Commission (1/13/2020)

Neighborhood Pool Infrastructure Grant Program Framework

• PROGRAM GOAL:

To fund repairs that are either critical, efficient, or aesthetic and ensure the pools can continue to operate

REVIEW PROCESS:

Funding based upon the review of proposals and site visits with the pools by the Resources Committee & City Staff

FUNDING DETERMINATION:

Committee intends to fund each pool at some capacity and funding levels will be determined based on submitted proposals

MATCH REQUIREMENT:

Each awarded pool would be required to demonstrate a match of 10% in resources in the form of either events, donations, discounts, or volunteerism

• FUNDING PROCESS:

Funds to be dispersed as project is completed and pool must provide proof of expenditures and demonstrate that they have fulfilled their match requirement

Neighborhood Pool Infrastructure Grant Program Process

- Pool Improvement Grant Proposals (Feb 14, 2020)
- Resources Committee Site Visits & Proposal Review
 (Feb-March 2020)
- Grant Proposals Awarded & Grant Agreements Drafted
 (March-April 2020)
- Grant Project Work Underway
 (April 2020 April 2021)
- Second Round of Proposal Reviews, if needed (Winter 2021)