

# NOTES

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ann E. Wall, City Manager

DATE: May 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Materials for Your Information

Please find attached the following materials for your information:

1. A memo from Thomas Barnett, Director of Community Development, regarding West Greenville Community Grant Program

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Attachment

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**Community Development**

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**MEMO**

**Department**

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**FROM:** Thomas Barnett, Director of Community Development  
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**SUBJECT:** **West Greenville Community Grant Program**



Council allocated \$100,000K to benefit residents and agencies located within or serving the West Greenville community. Staff identifies three (3) organizations to be considered for funding. These organizations, geared toward youth development, are: The Jackie Robinson Baseball League, Pitt Lightning football program, and the Lucille Gorham Intergenerational Center. Staff has met with each agency to identify needs and structure of the organizations. Documentation, including 501c3 status, proposed budget, and budget narrative, is to be submitted to staff by May 31, 2019.

In addition, staff proposed to include \$50,000 in the form of energy efficiency improvement funding for homeowners residing in West Greenville. The City currently receives \$150,000 annually from GUC specifically for energy efficiency improvements. This funding is available to low- and moderate-income homeowners citywide. Because the existing energy efficiency funding satisfies the current construction capacity, staff is researching temporary relocation policies that may increase the effectiveness and inclusiveness of the rehab program.

Staff has noted inability to secure and maintain housing during construction is a common challenge for low-income and disabled homeowners. Rehab beneficiaries often struggle to afford lodging for several weeks while maintaining existing financial obligations such as mortgage payments and utilities that must remain current during construction. This financial strain has prolonged construction, prevented participation for some eligible homeowners, and created hardship for some of the City's more vulnerable residents. Staff supports creation of temporary relocation assistance for those unable to secure shelter during construction.

**Proposed Timeline:**

- May 31, 2019 – Organizational capacity documentation, budget, and budget narrative due to staff
- June 21, 2019 – Draft policy/program presented to management
- July 12, 2019 – Draft policy/program amendments presented to management (if necessary)
- August 8, 2019 – Policy/program recommendation presented to City Council
- August 15, 2019 – Implementation pending City Council approval

**Cc:** Ken Graves, Assistant City Manager