THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: May 11, 2021

Subject: Burton Street Community Leadership Association Donation

Staff Resource(s): Todd Okolichany, Planning & Urban Design Director
Stacy Merten, Principal Planner
Alex Cole, Urban Planner II

Action Requested: Adopt a budget amendment in the amount of $6,000 in the Special Revenue Fund to accept and budget a one-time donation in the amount of $4,000 from the Burton Street Community Leadership Association (BSCLA) to fund an architectural survey of the Burton Street Neighborhood and budget the City's match of $2,000 from the Planning & Urban Design Department's General Fund budget.

Background:

- In 2017, the City began working with the Burton Street Community Association Leadership Association (BSCLA) to implement their neighborhood plan as a mitigation strategy for the I-26 Connector project.
- The Burton Street Neighborhood Plan identified implementation of design guidelines and policies that aim to preserve or enhance neighborhood character in order to minimize the impacts of renewed development interest in the neighborhood.
- As a first step in preserving neighborhood character, the City will work with BSCLA to hire a consultant to complete an architectural survey of the neighborhood that will ultimately inform a pattern book for the neighborhood.
- Though voluntary in terms of compliance, a pattern book is a helpful resource for prospective developers, real estate professionals and community members when building new infill development that is compatible with the neighborhood.
- BSCLA was awarded a Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of $4,000, which is being donated to the City to fund the project.
- Donated funds will be matched by the Planning & Urban Design Department in the amount of $2,000, for a total project budget of $6,000.
- Planning & Urban Design staff does not anticipate the project budget exceeding the allocated amount of $6,000; however, if additional funding is needed, it will be allocated from the Planning & Urban Design Department's budget.

Comprehensive Plan Consistency:

- This project aligns with the Living Asheville Comprehensive Plan's stated goal of elevating the arts and cultural sectors to strengthen and preserve heritage and history with particular attention to the preservation of areas with historic value to communities of color.

Council Goal(s):

- A Well-Planned and Livable Community; An Equitable and Diverse Community.
- A Connected and Engaged Community.

Pro(s):

- Funding will be available to research and document historic resources in the Burton Street Neighborhood.
- The City is partnering with BSCLA to assist in achieving the goals and strategies outlined in the Burton Street Neighborhood Plan.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- This donation requires a match of $2,000 to be allocated from the training line item in the Planning & Urban Design Department budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $6,000 utilizing the Burton Street Community Association Leadership funds and City matching funds.

Attachment(s):

- Budget Amendment
- Burton Street Neighborhood Plan

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Ordinance be amended to add an appropriation of $6,000 and amend the Special Revenue Fund as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Private Donations	$4,000
Operating Transfers from General Fund	$2,000
Total Revenues	$6,000

Appropriations:

Contracted Services	$6,000
Total Appropriations	$6,000

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this the 11th day of May 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney