

INTRODUCED: April 22, 2019

AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-116

To make grants from the Love Your Block Grant special fund to Boaz and Ruth, Inc., Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond, Enrichmond Foundation, Saving Our Youth, Virginia, and The Salvation Army.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 13 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2018-318, adopted January 14, 2019, appropriated \$12,500.00 to a new “Love Your Block Grant” special fund for the purpose of addressing blight-related issues, including abandoned and vacant properties, graffiti, illegal dumping, and trash in public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed using a portion of these funds to make grants to certain organizations eligible to receive City funds under section 15.2-953(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, for the purpose set forth in Ordinance No. 2018-318, adopted January 14, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE,

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: MAY 13 2019 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That, as authorized by section 15.2-953(B) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the City hereby makes the following grants to the following organizations:

- (a) Boaz and Ruth, Inc.....\$975.00
- (b) Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond.....\$1,000.00
- (c) Enrichmond Foundation.....\$2,618.00
- (d) Saving Our Youth, Virginia.....\$1,000.00
- (e) The Salvation Army.....\$1,000.00

§ 2. That each grant identified in section 1 of this ordinance shall be made in accordance with a grant contract that meets all of the requirements of section 12-13(b) of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, and imposes such conditions as may be necessary to ensure that the recipient uses the grant funds to further the purpose set forth in Ordinance No. 2018-318, adopted January 14, 2019.

§ 3. That the grant contracts for the grants identified in subsections (b), (c), and (e) of section 1 of this ordinance may include appropriate provisions granting the following recipients, or their agents, a right of entry or license onto the following City-owned real estate for purposes of effectuating the purposes of the grants:

- (a) Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond..... Parcel Identification
Number 801-725-3882 in the County of Henrico land book
- (b) Enrichmond Foundation..... 2813 Bainbridge Street
- (c) Enrichmond Foundation.....5409 Marian Street
- (d) The Salvation Army.....700 North 37th Street

§ 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST
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MAR 27 2019
Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer

APR 16 2019 O&R REQUEST

DATE: February 8, 2019

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council
THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor
THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer
THROUGH: Lenora Reid, Deputy CAO for Finance and Administration
THROUGH: John B. Wack, Director of Finance
THROUGH: Jay A. Brown, Ph.D., Director of Budget and Strategic Planning
FROM: Reginald E. Gordon, Interim DCAO for Human Services
RE: Appropriation of Love Your Block grant funds to provide mini-grant funding to a qualifying community-based organization, to complete a blight reducing and community beautifying project that utilizes volunteers to accomplish the goal.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer for and on behalf of the City of Richmond to execute certain grant agreements between the City of Richmond and various non-profit organizations for the purpose of addressing blight-related issues, including abandoned and vacant properties, graffiti, illegal dumping, and trash in public rights-of-way.

REASON: For Neighbor-To-Neighbor (Office on Volunteerism) to provide funding to approved community-based groups to address blight-related issues including, but not limited to, graffiti removal, illegal dumping and trash in public rights-of-way, repairing dilapidated benches and fences, painting, and beautifying both public and private lots with community gardens.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this paper be assigned to the Education and Human Services Standing Committee for review and, upon approval, be approved for disbursement from the Fiscal Year 2019 Special Fund Budget for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services.

BACKGROUND: The mission of Neighbor-To-Neighbor (N2N), the City of Richmond’s Office on Volunteerism, is to help leverage volunteerism as a city strategy to help meet needs, solve problems, cultivate relationships, and build One Richmond. N2N works collaboratively with city departments, non-city agencies, and individuals, connecting them to service opportunities that align with city goals to create safe, beautiful, and better quality neighborhoods. This grant is vital to ensuring that the City is able to maintain the City’s goal to create safe, beautiful, and better quality neighborhoods. As part of this mission, the Mayor introduced Ordinance No. 2018-318, adopted January 14, 2019, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to accept \$12,500 in grant funds from the Fund for Cities of Service, Inc., and appropriated those funds to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Special Fund Budget for the purpose of addressing blight-related issues, including abandoned and vacant properties, graffiti, illegal dumping, and trash in public-rights-of-way. This current legislative request takes the next step by facilitating the execution of the grant contracts necessary to carry out the purposes and goals of Ordinance No. 2018-318, as described and for the amounts set forth in the attached document entitled “City of Richmond, Office on Volunteerism – Neighbor-To-Neighbor (N2N), Love Your Block (LYB) Mini-Grant Program.”

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: The City received \$12,500.00 in grant funds from Fund for Cities of Service, Inc. to provide funding to address blight-related issues including abandoned and vacant properties, graffiti, illegal dumping, and trash in public rights-of-way. These grant funds were appropriated pursuant to Ordinance No. 2018-318, adopted January 14, 2019.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: The disbursement of this award will allow the City to increase the number of community beautification projects in addition to reducing blight.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No.

REVENUE TO THE CITY: N/A

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: April 22, 2019

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: May 13, 2019

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Education and Human Services

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Ordinance No. 2018-318, adopted January 14, 2019

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):

ATTACHMENTS: Grant Agreement and document entitled “City of Richmond, Office on Volunteerism – Neighbor-To-Neighbor (N2N), Love Your Block (LYB) Mini-Grant Program”

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Human Services - Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities – 646-6528

City of Richmond
Office on Volunteerism – Neighbor-To-Neighbor (N2N)
Love Your Block (LYB) Mini-Grant Program

Boaz & Ruth (6th Council District)

- **Project:** Revitalize the Highland Park Community Garden to support the 2019 spring planting. In addition, repair and paint the fence surrounding the garden and repair plant cages. For this project, they are partnering with the Office on Aging and Persons with Disabilities to provide gardening classes and encourage seniors to join in on project days.
- **Project Location:** 1203 Giles Ave. Richmond, VA 23222
- **City-Owned Land [Y or N]:** N
- **Grant amount:** \$975

Boys & Girls Club of Metro Richmond (7th Council District)

- **Project:** Revitalize the area in and around the club by painting a mural on the side of the building, constructing a garden, and repairing recreational equipment.
- **Project Location:** 2506 Phaup Street, Richmond, VA 23223
- **City-Owned Land [Y or N]:** Y & N – The green space behind the Boys & Girls Club building is owned by Parks & Rec., however the building that will have the mural is owned by RRHA. The space is in need of transformation, of which partners such as Parks & Recreation and Richmond Redevelopment and Housing agreed upon.
- **Grant amount:** \$1,000

EnRichmond Foundation - Friends of Westwood Playground (1st District)

- **Project:** To restore and maintain a welcoming atmosphere at the Westwood playground and meeting place, including the removal of invasive species on the grounds and volleyball pit, painting various children games' lines on the asphalt, repaint playground storage building. This project meets the neighborhood needs by making the playground safe and readily accessible to the community. They are collaborating with Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities and the Department of Public Works and Utilities.
- **Project Location:** Westwood Playground, 5409 Marian Street, Richmond VA 23226
- **City-Owned Land [Y or N]:** Y
- **Grant amount:** \$620

EnRichmond Foundation - Fonticello Food Forest (5th District)

- **Project:** Expansion of garden production to include a wide variety of fruits, herbs, and trees for the benefit of the community. This project creates an educational opportunity by providing informational signage to help identify plants.
- **Project Location:** Fonticello Food Forest/Carter Jones Park, 2813 Bainbridge St., Richmond, VA 23225. The garden is on property acquired through the Richmond Grows Gardens program.
- **City-Owned Land [Y or N]:** Y
- **Grant amount:** \$1,000

Saving Our Youth - Virginia (6th District)

- Project: Build 5 garbage cans to go along 3000 block of Meadowbridge Rd. on private property that will have panels with community affirmations attached to the front with an audio call in message. Guardian Angels got approval from 4 businesses and non-profits to put the cans on their property.
- Project Location: 3000-3100 block of Meadowbridge Rd. Richmond, VA 23222
- City-Owned Land [Y or N]: N
- Grant amount: \$1,000

Salvation Army (7th District)

- Project: Revitalize sections of Bill Robinson Park by adding seating around the playground, clearing overgrown brush, and by adding trash cans to help keep park clean. For this project, they are collaborating with Keep Virginia Beautiful.
- Project Location: Bill Robinson Park, 700 N. 37th St., Richmond, VA 23223
- City-Owned Land [Y or N]: Y
- Grant amount: \$1,000

EnRichmond Foundation - Willing Workers with a Mission (7th District)

- Project: WWWM was formed by residents who decided create a work plan to help out neighbors who are not financially or physically able to maintain their properties. Projects in their work plan include, painting facades, trim and/or porches, planting flowering shrubs, lawn maintenance, keeps curbs and buffers free of debris, fertilize and seed grass, mulch existing trees in front of homes. One of their goals is to promote multigenerational and multicultural involvement through their volunteer activities. Volunteers will help sustain the work done on their neighbor's properties.
- Project Location: 1100 block of N. 22nd St., Richmond, VA 23223
- City-Owned Land [Y or N]: N
- Grant amount: \$998