

Agenda Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
Prepared By: Bobby Wyatt, Public Works Director
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Date: June 16, 2025
Subject: Resolution No. 4611-25, T-Mobile Hometown Grant

Procedure: Consent Agenda

Introduction: This is a request for City Council to approve the preparation and submission of a Hometown Grant Application through the T-Mobile Hometown Grants program for the City's Franklin Street Trees Improvement Project.

Discussion: The City has an opportunity to apply for a \$50,000 Hometown Grant through the T-Mobile Hometown Grants program. The Hometown Grants program does not require a local match. A copy of the FY 2024-2025 grant notice is provided in Attachment 1.

Eligible projects include the rebuild, build, or improvements to outdoor spaces, the arts, community centers, or technology upgrades. Applicants are encouraged to seek funding for shovel ready, physical builds or improvements to the community.

Staff recommends applying for the Summer 2025 Hometown Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the Franklin Street Trees Improvement Project to install 22 palm trees in the tree wells on Franklin Street. The project will also address the soil condition and improve the tree wells to enhance Solary Park. A location map of the project is provided in Attachment 2.

The City's required local match will be zero (0) dollars. The City should receive notification of the final Grant standings by July 1, 2025. If awarded, the City will have to execute an agreement with T-Mobile to receive the grant funding, which will require City Council approval. The City will have twelve (12) months to complete the entire project and request reimbursement.

Budget Impact: While there is no direct budget impact with adoption of Resolution No. 4611-25, the City will have to budget money to front fund the proposed Franklin Street Trees Improvement Project with reimbursement to follow after completion of the project. If the City is awarded the grant, staff will bring a budget amendment to City Council for approval.

Strategic Impact: Provide a seamless fusion of resilient infrastructure and the natural environment for future generations.

Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council adopt Resolution No. 4611-25.

Attachment(s):
1. Hometown Grant Fiscal Year 2024-2025
2. Project Location Map