

CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-1490

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON SUPPORTING THE CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY GRANT PROCESS

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Valley has adopted a Grant Policy, Resolution R-11-820 to provide grant funding to organizations which the City Council determines bring significant value to the citizens of Maple Valley and which serve valid municipal purposes (human services, community participation, economic development); and

WHEREAS, historically, the City Council has accepted applications requesting financial assistance to support human services and community events that serve Maple Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, applicants have traditionally provided a presentation to City Council at which time Council deliberated on who should receive funding; and

WHEREAS, the grant program has grown over the past years and the Finance Committee has been asked by the City Council to evaluate its current processes and to make recommendations to the City Council;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee met over a period of over 9 months and evaluated the current grant process and has developed recommendations for Council consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has developed a recommendation for Council consideration establishing a new process that would categorize grant recipients as those seeking City monies or in-kind services for Economic Development/Community Events or those seeking City monies or in-kind services to support Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee's recommendation is based upon a desire to establish a policy that groups like kind applicants by similar services/events for purposes of the City's annual grant funding program and to assist the Finance Committee and Economic Development Commission in evaluating the relative merits of competing applications; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends that as part of this new grant process that the Economic Development Commission oversee the Economic Development/Community Events applications and determine which agencies would be recipients of the grants and the amount of funding awarded to each recipient from an established amount allocated by the City Council for this category; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends that it retain oversight of the Human Services applications and determine which agencies would be recipients of the grants and the amount of funding awarded to each recipient from an established amount allocated by the City Council for this category; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends each year the Council establish, for the Finance Committee and the Economic Development Commission, a total dollar amount to allocate for each category from which the awards will be funded; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends that final recommendations be presented to Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee also recommends that the Arboretum, Historical Society and Farmer's Market be removed from the grant process because they are sited on City owned property and already have existing agreements in place with the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Approval The City Council hereby expresses their support and approval of the recommendations proposed by the Finance Committee to change the current grant process to a process whereby two categories of grants are evaluated, Economic Development/Community Events and Human Services and that the Economic Development Commission provides oversight to the Economic Development/Community Events process and that the Finance Committee retain oversight of the Human Services grant process.

Section 2. Removal of Certain Grants from City Grant Funding Process. The City Council hereby expresses support and approval to remove any grant requests made by those organizations sited on City-owned property from the grant funding process as their current agreements with the City can reflect any such funding or in-kind support.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY
THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

Sean P. Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Patricia Taraday, City Attorney