

## Subdivision Entrance Improvement Matching Grant Program

In 2013, the City Council authorized by resolution the establishment of the *Cooley-Fulbright Beautification Program*, which made available matching grants to subdivision trustees or committees to help defray the costs of improving the appearance of the entrance of an existing subdivision.

The program includes three categories of improvements that are partially reimbursable as follows:



- The city may reimburse fifty percent of the cost, not to exceed \$500, to plant trees, shrubs, and/or flowers at the entrance of a subdivision.
- The city may reimburse fifty percent of the cost, not to exceed \$2,000, for the installation or repair of an irrigation system at the entrance of a subdivision or the repair of an existing monument that was erected to identify the name of the subdivision.
- The city may reimburse fifty percent of the cost, not to exceed \$3,000, for the installation of a new monument at the entrance of an existing subdivision that identifies the name of the subdivision; installation of a fountain at the entrance of a subdivision; and/or the installation of decorative lighting at the entrance of a subdivision.

Applications for a grant must be approved by the city in advance of any planting, repair, construction or installation of such improvements. An improvement plan must be presented with the grant application that identifies the improvements or repairs that are to be made, a written bid on company letterhead for the work, and evidence that such repairs or improvements are located upon common ground or an existing easement that was dedicated such improvements. Additionally, if applicable, a history of all previous awards granted under the program to the subdivision.

Matching grants may be accessed multiple times by subdivision trustees or committees; however, the sum total of such awards shall not exceed the stated dollar amount limit indicated for each category of improvement.

The awarding of a grant under this program shall not waive any permit requirements of the city.

Grant money shall not be used for utility expenses.

The acceptance of a grant shall require the execution of a waiver and/or hold harmless agreement by the applicant in favor of the City. The City accepts no responsibility for the installation, maintenance, or operation of a grant project.

All awards require City Council approval. The City reserves the right to reject any grant application.