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## DDA ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

**MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2026

**TOPIC** Watering Trailer Purchase

**BACKGROUND BRIEF:**

One of the best things we have figured out is how to use flowers to make an inviting downtown in season. Last year we refined watering, fertilizing and schedule, and we were recognized nationally by America in Bloom.

Here's how we did it, we used a 12 year old 4 wheeler with a 25 gallon tank and leaking pump, while towing a utility cart with two 35 gallon trash cans filled with water. We used a bucket for the trash cans and the leaky pump and watered 38 hanging baskets, 10 large planters, and seven landscape beds. The process took four hours.

We are recommending that we try a new system. Attached are examples of a 100 gallon pull behind trailer, with a pump powered by a gas engine and not the old electrical on the 4 wheeler. The average cost of one of these units is between 2800 – 3800, for the low end of good quality. Higher end units average 5,000-6,000.

Smaller pump systems (like we have now) cost much less but the pump we need now is the third pump since my hire.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

If we procure a good unit, with shipping we would be facing a costs not likely to exceed \$3,800. It is my recommendation we invest in this capital equipment. We have funding for capital equipment in multiple GL lines totaling more than \$3,800.

I recommend using GL 248-730-975-011 – Capital Outlay Trail Head, which has an unused balance of \$4,800.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Motion to authorize the Director to procure a 100 gallon tow behind, gas powered watering system at a cost not to exceed \$3,800, with shipping, with funding from GL 248-730-975-011 – Capital Outlay TrailHead