



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 06/04/2026

REQUESTER: Karla Sitton, Administrative Tech IV

PRESENTER: Andy Couch, Firehouse Art Center, Executive Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000 FOR THE FIREHOUSE ART POLLINATOR GARDEN UPDATE

DISCUSSION:

The Norman Firehouse Art Center (FAC) has approached the City of Norman Parks and Recreation Department about a Pollinator Garden Project. Matt Goad, from Goad Abode Design and Branding, designed the Pollinator Garden, which he has donated as an in-kind service valued at \$3,000. The mural will be painted by artist Savannah Tallbear for \$4,515.

FAC successfully applied for and received a \$15,000 grant from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund to support the Pollinator Garden Project. FAC also secured a Cost Share Conservation Grant from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and Conservation and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which will reimburse them \$8,000. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department has committed to assisting with concrete repairs and landscaping design, contributing an in-kind donation valued at \$10,000.

The project includes the following Income/Donations in the amount of \$26,000:

- Kirkpatrick Family Fund: \$15,000
- Matt Goad Mural Design for Mural Design (In-Kind): \$3,000
- National Fish & Wildlife Department: \$8,000

The project expenses are \$36,000 total and include:

- Concrete repair (City of Norman – In Kind): \$7,000
- Landscape design (City of Norman – In Kind): \$3,000
- Mural Design (In-Kind): \$3,000
- Mural Painting Artist (Savannah Tallbear) \$4,515.00
- Native plants, landscaping & educational signage: \$18,485.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the following donations for the Pollinator Garden Project at the Firehouse Art Center: \$15,000 grant from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, \$8,000 grant from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and Conservation and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and \$3,000 in-kind services from Goad Adobe Design and Branding, totaling \$26,000. The Parks and Recreation Department will also provide \$10,000 in in-kind services for concrete repair and landscaping.