



## CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 03/08/22

**REQUESTER:** Michele Loudenback, Environmental and Sustainability Manager

**PRESENTER:** Chris Mattingly, Director of Utilities

**ITEM TITLE:** CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF AN OKLAHOMA GAS & ELECTRIC (OG&E) GROWTH GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300 FROM OG&E ENERGY CORPORATION AND MANAGED BY KEEP OKLAHOMA BEAUTIFUL TO BE USED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP ACTIVITIES, CONTRACT K-2122-112, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT .

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) is a statewide nonprofit organization founded in 1965 and is a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful-a nonprofit organization founded in 1953 with a national network of nearly 1,000 participating organizations working together to improve communities through litter prevention, waste reduction and beautification. KOB's mission is to empower Oklahoma citizens to preserve and enhance the state's natural beauty and ensure a healthy, sustainable environment. One of the programs they coordinate and implement is the Great American Cleanup in Oklahoma, an annual grassroots spring-cleaning movement across Oklahoma. Registered participants, like Norman, receive free supplies for their local events.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Norman is a KOB affiliate, and as such, we participate in the annual Great American Cleanup in Oklahoma movement. This year, Norman volunteers will remove litter from City parks and other sites throughout the months of March and April. Additionally, a rain/pollinator garden will be installed in Prairie Creek Park and concrete in the area will be painted. Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Utilities have partnered to implement these activities. On March 2, 2022, The City of Norman was awarded a \$300 OG&E Growth Grant from Oklahoma Gas and Electric Corporation (OG&E) to help purchase supplies for these activities. This grant will be administered and managed by KOB.

If accepted, the \$300 grant will be appropriated to the Environmental Services General Supplies (32955343-43015) and be used towards purchasing supplies for Norman's Great American Cleanup activities. When the funds are received, they will be recorded into revenue account Donations – Organizations (329-363373).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends acceptance of the OG&E Growth Grant Funding in the amount of \$300 and approval of Contract K-2122-112. Staff also recommends appropriation of \$300 from Wastewater Fund Balance (32-29000) to Environmental Services General Supplies (32955343-43015). When the funds are received, they will be recorded into revenue account Donations – Organizations (329-363373).