



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 07/27/2021

REQUESTER: Nate McNeely, Engineering Assistant

PRESENTER: Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works

TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2122-18 OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$4,653.24 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO BE USED FOR THE CITYWIDE SIDEWALK & CURB RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (50/50 PROGRAM).

BACKGROUND:

The City's Citywide Sidewalk Reconstruction Project is one of five programs under the Annual Sidewalk Concrete Program. It is the primary program that addresses sidewalk hazards and emergency conditions in residential areas, arterial roads and other public use areas.

Pursuant to Oklahoma State Statute, Title 11-36-104, the repair and replacement of residential sidewalks are the responsibility of the abutting property owner. To encourage a proactive community approach to maintaining our sidewalks, the City allocates \$50,000 annually to this cost-sharing program. In residential areas, property owners often leverage the City's contractor by fronting 50% of the City's repair estimate. The project is then coordinated by the Engineering team. Upon completion of the work, the City pays the contractor in full and deposits the property owner contributions into the Reimbursements-Citizen Sidewalk account (509-364253).

In FYE 2021, the Engineering team completed 63 Citywide projects; a significant increase from prior years. Project costs vary based on the size of the hazard, but the average project cost in FYE 2021 was \$1,054.93.

DISCUSSION:

Due to the popularity of the program, we began FYE 2022 with more than \$50,000 in projected work. Keeping the program active is dependent on replenishing this account with the resident contributions.

Funds collected and deposited since the last recoupment total \$4,653.24, with deposits of \$1,007.68 on May 6, 2021 and \$3,645.56 on June 23, 2021. Since the fiscal year has lapsed, these funds have been moved into Capital Fund Balance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of Resolution R-2122-18 for to appropriate \$4,653.24 from Account No. 50-29000 (Capital Fund Balance) to Account 50590052-46101, Project No. TC0273 (Sidewalk Citywide Reconstruction). These funds will be used to continue support to our residents with cost-saving hazard remediation, while also mitigating liability for property owners and the City.