



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/02/2025

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ITEM TITLE: PRESENTATION REGARDING TSET GRANT OPPORTUNITIES -
HEALTHY INCENTIVE GRANT FOR COMMUNITIES & BUILT
ENVIRONMENT GRANT

DISCUSSION:

The ***TSET Healthy Incentive Grant for Communities*** is designed to help municipalities adopt and implement best and promising practices for tobacco-free environments, access to healthy foods, and physical activity opportunities to improve resident's health and quality of life. The next FY25 application period is October 25 – November 22, 2024.

The ***TSET Built Environment Grant*** funds various projects, including developing comprehensive plans for community parks and trail systems, improvements to community fitness centers and downtowns, and ADA-compliant sidewalks and playgrounds. These infrastructure projects should promote physical activity and nutrition. Applications are due by February 12, 2025.

These two grant opportunities will support the City of Norman's endeavors to get a miracle ADA-accessible baseball field and all-inclusive Kids Space playground at Reaves Park.

Funding award classification is determined based upon the following: 1. City's adopting a 100% comprehensive tobacco-free city property ordinance; 2. City's promotion of the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline and Shape Your Future campaigns throughout the community; 3. City's development, strength & implementation of a Worksite Wellness policy; 4. City's actions focused on decreasing youth access to tobacco; 5. City's actions focused on increasing access to healthy food; 6. City's actions focused on increasing active living opportunities; and 7. Population size of the city/town.

Cities awarded grant funding will apply the funds to advancing any health criteria they believe best address the needs and opportunities in their communities. Cities are encouraged to utilize the funding for projects that enhance wellness activities in their geographic areas of poorest health. Examples for the use of funds: • Walking trails • Lighting for parks and trails • Farmers market venues • Community gardens • Basketball and tennis courts • Bicycle lanes/bike racks • Outdoor physical activity equipment • Splash pads/improvements to community pools • Engineer or architects' services to develop walkability plans.

To qualify for the ***TSET Healthy Incentive Grant for Communities*** & the ***TSET Built Environment Grant*** – Norman must update Ordinances that currently allow the use of tobacco at the Westwood Golf Course and City Park playground parking lots, update Zoning Ordinances that will ban the sale of tobacco products within 300 feet of a school or playgrounds and update the City Employee wellness plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Norman Board of Park Commissioners support updating City Ordinances to ban the use of Tobacco Products at Westwood Golf Course and Park Parking Lots and recommend that the City Council update City Ordinances to ban Tobacco products on all City Property, including Park Parking Lots and Westwood Golf Course and update Zoning Ordinances related to the sale of Tobacco Products within 300 feet of Schools and Playgrounds.