

Function

The Neighborhood Councils division is administered by the Community Development Department. The purpose of this fund is to provide staff support to the Neighborhood Councils in the form of a neighborhood coordinator. The coordinator provides technical and general information to Neighborhood Councils and Great Falls citizens. The coordinator also communicates neighborhood concerns to the City. The overall goal is to enhance citizen participation in city government, improve City/community relations and accomplish City/neighborhood goals.

The Neighborhood Council organizational chart is under Fund 277 – Community Development Fund.

Budget Highlights

<i>Neighborhood Councils</i> Administration Group	FY 2005	FY 2006		FY 2007	
	Actual	Original	Amended	Projected	Adopted
Personal Services	39,764	47,211	47,211	47,168	50,369
Supplies & Materials	1,386	1,800	1,818	1,825	1,800
Purchased Services	1,897	3,800	10,055	10,325	6,000
Other Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service - Interest & Fees	0	0	0	0	0
Internal Service, Interfund	17,157	16,469	16,469	16,469	17,579
Subtotal Operating Expenses	60,204	69,280	75,553	75,787	75,748
Debt Service - Principal	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Total Neighborhood Councils	60,204	69,280	75,553	75,787	75,748

Goals and Objectives

Major Accomplishments – In the Past Year

- Continued to provide assistance and information to the Neighborhood Councils on park projects, construction projects, and landlord-tenant issues.
- Continued to develop partnerships with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), Neighborhood Watch, Neighborhood Housing Services, Habitat for Humanity, Weed and Seed Program, and other community agencies.
- Formed the *Neighbors. Right. Here.* Committee for the purpose of educating and facilitating citizen action in good neighbor practices.

Priority Goals and Objectives – For the Upcoming Year

- Provide coordination and assistance to ensure successful accomplishment of neighborhood goals.
- Continue to revise and improve the City News publication.
- Continue to facilitate progress and productivity within the Neighborhood Councils by providing knowledge, resources, and connections to city government and other community sources.
- Facilitate community involvement training for the Neighborhood Council members through the Weed and Seed Program.
- Continue to provide educational opportunities relative to current community developments in relation to drugs, law enforcement, ballot issues, candidate forums, and other issues of neighborhood importance.
- Pursue realization of the “Good Neighbor” citizen training and to work with the councils and the community to celebrate National Good Neighbor Day, September 24, 2006.