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MAYOR BIETER ANNOUNCES NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Mayor David Bieter today announced the 2014 recipients of the City of Boise Neighborhood Reinvestment Grants program. This year Boise will award \$264,311 for 24 capital grants and \$24,501 for 17 mini-grants for a total of \$288,812 for the 2014 grant program.

The capital grants are intended to fund physical improvements within neighborhoods that will enrich the lives of citizens, enhance the quality of life, and encourage a strong sense of community. Mini-grants can be used by neighborhoods for non-capital projects, such as flyers for neighborhood gatherings or a neighborhood website.

"Great neighborhoods are the foundation of Boise's high livability," Mayor Bieter said. "But Boise's great neighborhoods don't happen by accident; each one must have active residents working to maintain and enhance their surroundings. These neighborhood grants are one of the best tools available to fund these important projects."

Examples of projects that will receive funding this year:

- **Whittier Elementary Art Boundary** (Veterans Park Neighborhood Association): Create a public art piece to run along the western school yard boundary as part of the 30th Street Cultural Arts Plan. (\$38,000)
- **Walking Path, Owyhee Harbor Elementary** (Hillcrest Neighborhood Association): Construct an all-weather pathway for students and the community near Owyhee-Harbor Elementary School. (\$35,770)
- **Neighborhood Bike Racks** (Lusk Street Neighborhood Association): Install public bicycle parking as envisioned by the Lusk Street Area Master plan. (\$12,600)
- **Harrison Boulevard and Warm Springs Avenue Historic Bus Benches** (North End and East End Neighborhood Associations): Replace metal-slatted benches at bus stops along Harrison and Warm Springs with benches that are consistent with the historic district period style. (\$3,991 and \$6,604)
- **Wildland Urban Interface Firewise Improvements** (Central Foothills Neighborhood Association): Improve firewise readiness of the area by providing tools such as a chipper and dump truck to dispose of large amounts of organic material along the perimeter of the neighborhood that hinder the area's ability to withstand a wildland fire. (\$13,500)
- **Borah Park Electrical Upgrade** (Borah Neighborhood Association): Electrical upgrades within Borah Park for service for both picnic shelters, a food vendor, and future restroom use. (\$16,286)
- **Comba Park Garden Relocation** (West Valley Neighborhood Association): Relocation of the existing community garden from its current location to the west end of Comba Park to double the number of available growing plots and conform with the development plan for the park.

The full list of recipients is attached.

2014 NRG Approved Grants & Amounts

2014 Capital Grant Requests

Grants Approved	Neighborhood Assoc.	Description	Amount Approved
1	Boise Heights	WUI Firewise Chipper Truck	\$ 2,000.00
2	Borah	Electrical Service -Borah Park	\$ 16,286.00
3	Central Bench	History Publications	\$ 4,950.00
4	Central Foothills	WUI Firewise, Chipper Truck	\$ 13,500.00
5	Collister	Electrical Service Catalpa Park Shelter	\$ 3,500.00
6	Depot Bench	Community Garden, Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel	\$ 4,441.00
8	Downtown NA	Traffic Box Art	\$ 13,474.00
9	East End (1)	Playground Equipment, Adams Elementary	\$ 56,000.00
10	East End (2)	Historic Style Bus Benches, Warm Spring Ave.	\$ 8,617.40
11	East End (3)	WUI Firewise, Chipper Truck	\$ 2,000.00
12	East End (4)	Bocce Ball Court Municipal Park	\$ 7,500.00
13	Highlands/Crane Creek	Fuel Reduction Chipper Truck	\$ 6,100.00
14	Highlands/Crane Creek	Dog Mitt Dispenser & Trash Container, Highlands Elementary	\$ 1,900.00
15	Hillcrest	Walking Path Owyhee Harbor Elementary	\$ 35,770.74
16	Lusk District	Bike Racks	\$ 12,600.00
18	North End (2)	Historic Style Bus Benches Harrison Blvd.	\$ 3,991.99
19	North End (3)	Neighborhood Plan	\$ 7,500.00
20	Veterans Park (1)	Whittier Elementary Art Boundary	\$ 38,000.00
21	Veterans Park (2)	Roundabout Art Increase Scale	\$ 10,000.00
22	Veterans Park (3)	Swim Bouys & Signage Quinns Pond	\$ 1,000.00
23	Warm Springs Mesa	Fuel Reduction	\$ 9,180.00
24	West Valley	Expand Community Garden Comba Park	\$ 6,000.00
24 Capital Grants	Total -Capital Grants		\$ 264,311.13

2014 Mini - Grant Requests			
	Neighborhood Assoc.	Description	Amount Approved
1	Borah	Printing, Signage, Business Cards	\$ 1,780.00
2	Borah	Liability Insurance, Borah Community Garden	\$ 500.00
3	Central Bench	Communications & Community Events	\$ 1,950.00
4	Central Foothills	Neighborhood Watch Signs	\$ 1,476.00
5	Central Foothills	Communications & Website	\$ 2,000.00
6	Central Rim	Neighborhood Outreach	\$ 2,000.00
7	Collister	Website Maintenance & Updates	\$ 123.20
8	Depot Bench	Communications	\$ 952.50
9	East End (1)	Communications & Website	\$ 700.00
10	East End (2)	Sidewalk stamp & logo	\$ 2,000.00
11	Glenwood Rim	Newsletter, printing	\$ 519.52
12	Lusk District	Website Development & Logo Design	\$ 2,000.00
13	Morris Hill	Communication, Education, Safety	\$ 2,000.00
14	North End	Newsletter, printing	\$ 2,000.00
15	Veterans Park	Neighborhood Outreach & Communication	\$ 2,000.00
16	Warm Springs Mesa	Neighborhood Communication	\$ 2,000.00
17	West Valley	Liability Insurance, Comba Community Garden	\$ 500.00
17 Mini-Grants	Total - Mini-Grants		\$ 24,501.22
41 Total Grants	Total Approved Grants		\$ 288,812.35
	Capitol Bridge	Architectural and structural engineering costs and extra finials required for bridge elements	\$ 11,000.00
Total 2014 NRG Funds Awarded			\$ 299,812.35