



## Item OT1.17 Investing in the Neighborhood Partnering Program

**This proposal would:**

- Invest an additional \$60,000 in the Neighborhood Partnering Program’s (NPP) budget.

**The Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) empowers neighborhoods to partner with the city and work together to make real, positive improvements to their communities.**

- Council established NPP in 2009 to leverage the community’s passion and vision with the city’s funding and expertise in order to improve quality of life in neighborhoods across the city.<sup>1</sup>
- The program is designed to build true community consensus and buy-in for approved projects by requiring that 60 percent of community stakeholders approve of the project and requiring the neighborhood match the city’s funding with a certain amount of private funds, volunteer hours, or in-kind donations or services.<sup>2</sup>
- NPP has completed 28 projects since it launched in fiscal year 2011 – and it is currently working on 13 more.<sup>3</sup>

**NPP is a model for proactively reaching out to neighborhoods across the city and working with them to achieve a community vision.**

- Organizations across the country have recognized NPP’s success, including through: the American Planning Association’s Sustainability Award, the American Public Works Association’s Management Innovation Award, and the International City/County Management Association’s award for Outstanding Achievement in Innovation.
- NPP proactively engages with low-income and underserved communities – and partners with organizations that can help improve NPP’s outreach and improve a neighborhood’s ability to participate in NPP.

**This proposal would expand the capacity of the successful NPP to serve Austin communities.**

- This proposal would invest an additional \$60,000 in NPP – roughly the cost it takes to fund an average NPP project.

**Table 1. City Investment & Community Matching<sup>4</sup>**

| District       | City Investment | Community Match Value* |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Average</b> | \$61,085        | \$29,110               |
| <b>Median</b>  | \$56,519        | \$29,386               |
| <b>Lowest</b>  | \$815           | \$819                  |
| <b>Highest</b> | \$233,144       | \$80,343               |

*\*Match value includes cash match, volunteer hours, and in-kind services and materials*

**Table 2. NPP Outreach Efforts<sup>4</sup>**

| Median Family Income by Census Tract | Outreach Distribution |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$0-\$35,000                         | 53%                   |
| \$35,000-\$70,000                    | 17%                   |
| \$70,000-\$100,000                   | 16%                   |
| \$100,000-\$150,000                  | 7%                    |
| \$150,000+                           | 7%                    |

<sup>1</sup> Resolution No. 20090925-072.

<sup>2</sup> Neighborhood Partnering Program Informational Brochure, Public Works Webpage.

<sup>3</sup> Neighborhood Partnering Program Current Project Status Chart, Public Works Webpage.

<sup>4</sup> Budget Question #68 (FY 2017).