



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Davis

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 23, 2024

Approved

Date: 5/23/2024

RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2024-2025 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Rose Garden Improvements

Amount of City Funding Required: \$47,150

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 30

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

District 6 is home to two cherished rose gardens: the Municipal Rose Garden and the Heritage Rose Garden. Both gardens urgently need significant repairs to maintain their beauty and functionality. The Municipal Rose Garden requires the replacement of many planting beds, ensuring the roses have an optimal environment for growth. Meanwhile, the Heritage Rose Garden would greatly benefit from an updated irrigation system, providing a more efficient and effective means of watering the plants.

These improvements are crucial for several reasons. First, they will promote healthier roses with more consistent growth and blooming. Healthy roses are more resilient to pests and diseases and produce more vibrant and abundant flowers, enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the gardens. Additionally, better planting beds and an updated irrigation system will facilitate improved garden organization and maintenance, making it easier for gardeners to care for the plants and for visitors to enjoy the gardens. I ask that the boards be replaced for the 27 beds that are in the worst condition. At \$450 per bed, this amounts to \$12,150.

Proper irrigation is particularly important as it reduces water waste and helps maintain ideal soil conditions. With a modern irrigation system, the gardens can ensure that each rose receives the right amount of water at the right time, which is essential for their health and longevity. This not only conserves water, a critical resource, but also supports the overall sustainability of the gardens. The estimate for this work is \$35,000.

Investing in these enhancements will ensure that our beloved rose gardens continue to thrive, providing a beautiful and tranquil space for the community to enjoy. It's a commitment to preserving our natural heritage and enhancing the quality of life for all residents and visitors in District 6.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

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