

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** April 28, 2021

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** **B.8. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Landscape Retrofit Fund Award from the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) for the second phase of a landscape retrofit project at Reno Fire Station 7 located at 3050 Skyline Boulevard in the amount of \$9,000.**

**From:** Claudia Hanson, Planning Manager

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**Summary:** The City received a Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) grant in the amount of \$9,000. The funding will be used to install interpretive signs in the front landscape area at Reno Fire Station 7, located at 3050 Skyline Boulevard. The purpose of the signs will be to educate the public on Water-Wise Landscaping, Fire-Safe Landscaping, and the Urban Tree Canopy. The interpretive signs are the second phase of the landscape retrofit project. In 2020, Phase 1 included removal of approximately 3,000 square feet of turf, removal of the nonfunctional fountain, re-landscaping, and updating of on-site irrigation. Staff is seeking acceptance of the grant and authorization for the City Manager to sign related grant agreements.

**Previous Council Action:** There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

**Background:** The Landscape Retrofit Fund (LRF) was established by TMWA to satisfy a requirement of the Truckee River Operating Agreement. The requirement states that TMWA will use the LRF to support local, landscape-conservation efforts each year. The goal of the LRF is to promote water-efficient and climate-compatible landscapes. The LRF is awarded as financial assistance annually to landscaping and educational projects that can demonstrate implementation of the goals of the LRF.

**Discussion:** An LRF grant in the amount of \$9,000 was awarded by TMWA to the City of Reno to provide this educational opportunity. There is no match required for this grant and it is anticipated that the grant will cover all design and construction expenses related to the project. It is anticipated that City of Reno staff will design the interpretive signs.

**Financial Implications:** There is no required match for this funding.

**Legal Implications:** Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the 2021 LRF grant and authorization for the City Manager to sign related funding agreements.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

- City of Reno Mail - Fwd\_ Landscape Retrofit Application (PDF)
- Award email notification (PDF)