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### MAYOR BIETER ANNOUNCES CITY'S 2016 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT GRANTS

Mayor David Bieter today announced the City of Boise's Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant awards for 2016. Part of the City's [Energize Our Neighborhoods](#) initiative, the awards fund improvements in neighborhoods all across the city that enrich the lives of residents, enhance quality of life and encourage a strong sense of community.

In all, the city approved 20 capital project grants worth \$446,810 and another 26 mini-grants worth \$40,733. Each project was requested by application through the city's [registered neighborhood associations](#).

"Our neighborhoods are the backbone of our city's celebrated livability," said Mayor Bieter, who made the announcement at Comba Park in the West Valley Neighborhood, where more than \$580,000 has been invested through the Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant program. In all, more than \$5.5 million in neighborhood reinvestment grants have been awarded citywide since 1997. "Working with neighbors to understand what they need to create a more vibrant neighborhood is what Energize Our Neighborhoods is all about. There's no better example of that than right here in the West Valley Neighborhood."

Working with the West Valley Neighborhood Association, the city has funded a variety of projects in the area, including a community garden at Comba Park and playground equipment and paths at five West Valley parks.

"These grant-funded projects have been a huge benefit to the West Valley neighborhood," said Dick Menz, President of the West Valley Neighborhood Association. "This program allows our neighborhood association to have a direct say in the ways we can improve our quality of life. It allows us to decide our priorities as a neighborhood."

Energize Our Neighborhoods is a long-term strategy for keeping Boise unique and vibrant. This innovative program is a collaboration between Boise's residents, public and private partners, and the City to improve livability. Together we are identifying opportunities to align resources, make measurable change, and create more vibrant and connected neighborhoods. The program is focused on neighborhood-level citizen engagement around projects designed to increase livability.

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## 2016 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant Awards

Neighborhood Association	Project	Amount
<b>Arts &amp; History/ Placemaking - Total: \$135,396 - 28 percent</b>		
Barber Valley	Barberton Valley History	\$15,000
North & East Ends	FDR 1937 Visit Exhibits (Phase 1)	\$15,000
Central Rim	Three Sign Toppers	\$1,289
Sunset	Neighborhood Pole Signs	\$43,800
Morris Hill & Depot Bench	Dog Park Amenities (Morris Hill Park)	\$49,307
Morris Hill & Depot Bench	Electricity (Morris Hill Park)	\$11,000
<b>Children &amp; Youth Focus Area - Total: \$129,700 - 30 percent</b>		
North End	Playground Equipment (Wash. Elem.)	\$52,000
Vista	Native Plant Learn. Cntr. (Hawthorne Elem.)	\$30,000
Veterans Park	Playground Equipment (Fairview Park)	\$47,700
<b>Health &amp; Community Services - Total: \$9,000 - 2 percent</b>		
Central Bench	Community Garden	\$4,000
East End	Roanoke Community Garden	\$5,000
<b>Public Safety / Firewise - Total: \$65,000 - 15 percent</b>		
Central Foothills	Firewise Chipper	\$25,000
East End	Chipper Service	\$10,000
Highlands	Chipper Service	\$20,000
Warm Springs Mesa	Safety & Chipper	\$10,000
<b>Sustainability - Total: \$45,714 - 15 percent</b>		
East End	Neighborhood Plan	\$20,714
Central Bench	Neighborhood Plan	\$25,000
<b>Transportation - Total: \$62,000 - 14 percent</b>		
Highlands	Trail Head Access, Bogus Basin to Harrison Hollow	\$11,000
North End	Boise Green Bike Station, Hyde Park	\$5,000
North End	13th St. Historic Lighting	\$46,000
<b>Totals</b>		
<i>Capital Grants (20):</i>	<i>\$446,810</i>	
<i>Mini-Grants (26):</i>	<i>\$40,733</i>	
<b>Total 2016 NRG:</b>	<b>\$487,543</b>	