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City of Jefferson Awards Neighborhood Improvement Incentive Grants

The purpose of this grant program is to assist organizations, residents, and business owners within the City of Jefferson to strengthen their neighborhood's appearance, to promote the area to visitors, and to improve the quality of life. The goal of the program is also to create a greater sense of community pride through participation in the project and growth in the economy.

The City council budgeted \$7,500.00 to fund the program for the third consecutive year. Requests for this year's grant totaled approximately \$14,784. Seven of the eight projects were awarded funding equaling \$7,441.00. Applicants may apply for up to 50% of their project cost (maximum grant award may be \$2500) and follow guidelines set forth by the Jefferson City Council.

The City Council approved the following projects at their June 26th City Council meeting:

- American Athletic, Inc. for beautification of enhanced landscaping, which will improve the employee entrances and surrounding areas;
- Shadran Industrial for replacement of sidewalk at their business entrance;
- Jackson Apartments for replacement of sidewalk adjacent to their property;
- Bill and Anne Butler for demolition of an unsightly structure thus improving the neighborhood;
- Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce for a welcome sign on Highway 30 which will hopefully direct traffic south into the community;
- Cheri Delay for demolition of a home at 402 E. Washington Street;
- Steven Kohl for demolition and replacement of a dilapidated garage and removal of unsafe trees.

Elizabeth Hailey, City Administrator of Jefferson commented, "The City is very pleased with the interest in this program. This is the third consecutive year we've been able to assist some of our area attractions in an effort to enhance the appearance of our neighborhoods. We hope the success of this program will encourage others to participate in the future."