



**Community Redevelopment Agency**

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**DATE:** March 12, 2026  
**TO:** The Honorable Chairman Luis Viera and Members of the CRA Board  
**THROUGH:** Cedric McCray, Community Redevelopment Agency Director *Cedric McCray*  
**FROM:** Courtney Orr, Community Redevelopment Agency Development Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Downtown CRA – Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park Funding Program Change

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CRA staff requests the approval of a program change in the amount of \$5.5 million in the Downtown CRA budget to fund Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park enhancements as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department on February 12, 2026.

This program change will cover a portion of the Parks and Recreation Department’s Special Projects Funding Request by reprogramming \$3 million in FY26 from Neighborhood Infrastructure and then programing the additional \$2.5 million in the FY27 budget planning process.

Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park enhancements include site prep/demo; site furniture; event lawn and terrace drainage; irrigation improvements; reinforced concrete pavement; addition of canopy trees/palms; new sod/soil; and restroom improvements.

CRA staff requests reprogramming \$3,000,000 from Neighborhood Infrastructure to a new budget line for this project.

**The remaining \$2.5 million will be budgeted in FY27.**

**From Neighborhood Infrastructure - \$3,000,000 (62200.213800.563001.0000489)**

**To Downtown Non-core Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park Enhancements - \$3,000,000 (62200.213800.563001.1002920)**

**Attachments: Budget Program Change Sheet**

- CC:** Shirley Foxx-Knowles, City Clerk  
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