



REPORT TO: CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Agenda Item:	4b. CC-21-177
Background / Issue:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) representatives reached out to the City of Stillwater with an offer to co-sponsor a community event. • Around the same time, Stillwater Public Schools (SPS) staff met with City Manager’s Office (CMO) staff to offer booth space at their first school resource fair as a way to highlight City resources such as police and fire and others. • The purpose of the resource fair was to provide school materials and resources to the community prior to the beginning of the school year. • The need for student backpacks was a major concern.
Proposal/Solution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMO staff discussed co-sponsorship with GRDA for a Backpack for Kids initiative similar to the Coats for Kids initiative in 2020. • The application for sponsorship funds was submitted and approved by GRDA. • CMO staff purchased approximately 800 backpacks and water bottles for distribution at the resource fair. • CMO staff attended the event and is proud to report that the majority of backpacks were given out as well as all of the remaining coats that were not distributed last year. • Leftover backpacks will be distributed throughout the year as needed.
Financial Impact/Funding Source(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget amendments have been prepared reflecting the receipt and appropriation of the \$11,000 sponsorship funds from GRDA.
Strategic Plan Alignment:	#1 Effective Services & Accountable Government: To provide effective services and accountable government for all residents by practicing fiscal responsibility, transparency and outstanding customer service.

	#5 Unique Culture: To cultivate partnerships that enhance the unique culture of Stillwater with equal access to services and amenities, strong and connected neighborhoods, and a thriving economy and business atmosphere.
Recommended Action/Motion:	Motion to approve budget amendments reflecting the receipt and appropriation of the \$11,000 sponsorship funds from GRDA for the Backpack for Kids initiative.
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Attachment(s):	Budget Amendments