



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Council Session

Item G15

#2002-281 - Approving Nomination to Nebraska Community Improvement Program

The Nebraska Community Improvement Program, through the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, works with communities at the local level to meet challenges while building on their strengths and resources. NCIP recognizes the leadership, community and economic development efforts of Nebraska's communities through community recognition awards, grants and improvement programs. The City of Grand Island, Community Projects Department, has submitted the Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival as an official entrant in the Special Award Category for Economic Development through Tourism Promotion and Development. The Ethnic Festival was selected because of the tremendous contribution it makes to tourism in Central Nebraska, utilizing over 400 volunteers who donate over 1,400 hours collectively to plan and implement this very successful annual Festival. Approval of a Resolution indicating support for the nomination is recommended.

Staff Contact: Cindy Johnson

RESOLUTION 2002-281

WHEREAS, local municipal and county government must provide leadership for improving community and economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, community and economic development needs can best be determined and solved through a cooperative effort between elected officials and the citizens they represent; and

WHEREAS, since 1963, the Nebraska Community Improvement Program has helped communities build on their strong heritage and form a vision for their future through community recognition awards, grants, and improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Community Improvement Program, administered by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, has been reviewed and found to be a means to improve our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is interested in participating in the Nebraska Community Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival has been nominated for a Special Award in the Tourism Promotion and Development division in recognition of its contribution to tourism and recognition of heritage diversity in Grand Island and central Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor and City Council hereby support the nomination of the Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival to the Nebraska Community Improvement Program for the 2002 calendar year, and hereby pledge their full support, endorsement and cooperation in carrying out the requirements of the Nebraska Community Improvement Program.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on September 10, 2002.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ September 6, 2002 ? City Attorney
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