



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 28, 2003

Council Session

Item G13

#2003-32 - Approving Grant Application to the US Department of Justice on Behalf of the Crisis Center for Safe Haven

The Crisis Center has requested that the City of Grand Island serve as the submitting body for a grant application to the United States Department of Justice for the development of a plan for implementation of a Safe Haven program. The Safe Haven program is intended to create safe places for visitation with and exchange of children in cases of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or stalking. The grant funds are available to local governments that propose to enter into a collaborative working relationship with state and local courts and a nonprofit, nongovernmental entity in the local community that provides local shelters and programs for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. The City's role in this effort will be patterned to that used with the HIDTA grant; the City will serve as the recipient of the grant funding on behalf of the Crisis Center and will contract with the Crisis Center to provide these services. The City Attorney has reviewed the grant requirements to ensure compliance issues can be addressed. Approval is recommended.

Staff Contact: Cindy Johnson

RESOLUTION 2003-32

WHEREAS, the Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program provides an opportunity for communities to support supervised visitation and safe exchange of children, by and between parents, in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking; and

WHEREAS, grant funding for such program is available to local governments that propose to enter into a collaborative working relationship with state and local courts and a nonprofit, nongovernmental entity in the local community that provides local shelters and programs for domestic violence and sexual assault victims; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Center has requested assistance from the City of Grand Island in seeking funding in the amount of \$119,893 to develop a plan for the expansion of the existing services in accordance with this program; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City submit a grant application and related documentation to request funding on behalf of the Crisis Center through the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program to expand services currently being provided by the Crisis Center; and

WHEREAS, if grant funding is awarded for such program, an agreement between the City of Grand Island and the Crisis Center will be entered into prior to receipt of such funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island is hereby authorized to submit a grant application and related documentation to request funding on behalf of the Crisis Center from The Office of Justice Programs through the OJP Grants Management System for the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if grant funding is awarded, the City of Grand Island will collaborate with the Crisis Center to develop a plan to expand the existing services in accordance with the grant program.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, January 28, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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January 24, 2003	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney