



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 23, 2003

Council Session

Item G18

#2003-393 - Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the Crisis Center and the City of Grand Island for U.S.

Department of Justice Safe Havens Grant Facilitation

The City of Grand Island served as the submitting entity on behalf of The Crisis Center for a U.S. Department of Justice grant for the development of a plan for implementation of a Safe Havens program. The grant funds were available to local governments that proposed to enter into a collaborative working relationship with state and local courts and a non-profit, non-governmental entity in the local community that provides local shelters and programs for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. The City has received the agreement with the Department of Justice for award of Safe Havens grant funds. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Crisis Center, to carry out the requirements as outlined in the grant, is for the time period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2005 and is in the amount of \$119,983. Approval is recommended.

Staff Contact: Dave Springer, Interim City Administrator

RESOLUTION 2003-393

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has awarded a Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant to the City of Grand Island to create a plan for development, implementation and funding of a safe place for visitation and safe exchange of children in cases of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault or stalking in the city of Grand Island, Hall County and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice encourages all applicants for the Safe Havens grant to enter into a collaborative working relationship with state or local courts and a non-profit, non-governmental entity in the local community; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Center, a non-profit, non-governmental entity that provides local shelters and programs for domestic violence and sexual assault victims, is expressly interested in facilitating the requirements of the Safe Havens grant; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Crisis Center and the City of Grand Island is required to set out the responsibilities of each party with respect to use of the funding for implementation of grant goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney's office has reviewed and approved such agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Memorandum of Understanding between The Crisis Center and the City of Grand Island for the use of Safe Havens grant funds in the amount of \$119,893.00, to develop a visitation and safe exchange center for victims of domestic violence and abuse as outlined in the document and in the grant award special conditions is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 23, 2003.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
December 18, 2003 ☐ City Attorney