



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

Council Session

Item G22

**#2004-262 - Approving Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with Hall
County Relative to Juvenile Accountability Program**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Meeting: October 12, 2004

Subject: Approving Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with Hall County Relative to Juvenile Accountability Program

Item #'s: G-22

Presenter(s): Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Background

The City of Grand Island and Hall County have entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Probation Administration to enable the department to provide a probation officer to assist Hall County Juvenile Services for pre and post adjudicated juveniles in Hall County, Nebraska. The agreement is one that is renewed on an annual basis and was last renewed at the October 14, 2003 City Council session. The agreement is being brought forward at this time for annual approval so that the program can be continued to keep an additional probation officer in Hall County to help with juvenile services.

Discussion

In May, 1999, the city and county entered into an interlocal agreement that provided for the receipt of grant funding. The grant funding is from federal monies that are used to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. Primarily, the dollars are used to increase accountability with those individuals who commit serious crimes and who have been in the court system previously. The grant funding requires a local match and must be used to address specific areas that include hiring additional juvenile judges, probation officers and court appointed defenders developing and administering accountability based sanctions for juvenile offenders, establishing and maintaining inter-agency information, sharing programs that enable the juvenile and criminal justice system to make more informed decisions regarding the early identification, control, supervision and treatment of juveniles who repeatedly commit serious, delinquent or criminal acts. The county serves as the fiscal agent for the grant and the city and county are required to provide matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$36,922.50. This agreement was approved by the county in September, 2004.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the Interlocal Agreement Providing for Juvenile Accountability Intake Probation Officer in Hall County and the City of Grand Island.
2. Disapprove or /Deny the agreement.
3. Table the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the Interlocal Agreement Providing for Juvenile Accountability Intake Probation Officer in Hall County and the City of Grand Island, including forwarding of the city's matching funds.

Sample Motion

Approve the Interlocal Agreement Providing for Juvenile Accountability Intake Probation Officer in Hall County and the City of Grand Island.

RESOLUTION 2004-262

WHEREAS, renewal of a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant has been submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission by the City of Grand Island and the County of Hall for use in high risk youth issues; and

WHEREAS, the funds obtained through this grant are intended to be used for a Juvenile Accountability/Probation Intake Officer; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City's portion of the grant award and the City's required cash match be forwarded to the County of Hall to administer such grant funding; and

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grand Island, the County of Hall, and the State of Nebraska Department of Probation Administration for the provision of juvenile intake probation officer and Assistant to Hall County Juvenile Services for pre-and post-adjudicated juveniles in Hall County, Nebraska, has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Grand Island, the County of Hall, and the State of Nebraska Department of Probation Administration for the receipt and administration of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds and matching fund is hereby approved; and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island upon the City's receipt of the grant award from the Nebraska Crime Commission.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on October 12, 2004.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk