



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Council Session

Item G12

**#2005-208 - Approving Access and Visitation Center Program
Grant Application**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Development Specialist

Council Meeting: July 26, 2005

Subject: Access and Visitation Grant
Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services

Item #'s: G-12

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Specialist

Background

The Heartland Family Visitation Center is 22 months into a \$119,000 24-month Planning Grant from the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice grant that is currently funding Visitation Center planning goes through the City to the Center as pass-through funds and the City serves as grant administrator. During the past two years, the visitation director and consulting committee have created Center policies and procedures; identified space needs for the Center; worked with the courts, judges, legal community and human service organizations to secure program involvement; and participated in multiple trainings. The next phase of the project is implementation of the program, location commitments and staff additions to meet program needs.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services received \$100,000 for their 2004 fiscal year annual allocation of funds for the State Access and Visitation Program. Funds awarded to HHS have to be obligated by September 30, 2005 and liquidated by September 30, 2006. HHS has obligated \$8,000 to the Heartland Family Visitation Center (Safe Haven) local project. The grant is due on July 29, 2005. A 10% match is required and will be provided by the Visitation Center.

Local government is an eligible applicant and the Visitation Center has requested that the City apply for the grant. This agenda item is a request to approve submission of the application and authorize the Mayor to sign all appropriate grant documents.

Discussion

As an eligible community, the City is required to submit standard supporting grant documents. Those documents include: Sub-grant terms and Assurances; Audit Requirement Certification; Certification Regarding Lobbying; Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke; and Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion.

The 2005-2006 proposed City of Grand Island budget includes this grant as pass-through funding in the 25111601 account. The Visitation Center will be responsible for completion of quarterly and annual reporting.

ALTERNATIVES

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

1. Approve submission of the Access & Visitation Center Program application and give approval for the Mayor to sign all related documents
2. Refer the issue to a Committee.
3. Postpone the issue to a later date.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approves submission of the Access & Visitation Center Program application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve submission of the proposed Access & Visitation Center Program application and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

RESOLUTION 2005-208

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for a State Access and Visitation Program grant; and

WHEREAS, \$8,000 has been allocated to purchase administrative equipment for the Heartland Family Visitation Center (Safe Haven) provided that all paperwork is received by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services by July 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, such grant application must be submitted by a municipality, and any grant funding would be paid directly to the municipality for distribution as set out in the grant application and related documents; and

WHEREAS, the requested 10% match will be provided by the Heartland Family Visitation Center (Safe Haven); and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the grant application and all related documentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, is hereby authorized to apply for financial assistance from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, State Access and Visitation Program, for the purpose of providing funding to purchase administrative equipment at the Heartland Family Visitation Center (Safe Haven).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such grant application and other documentation on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant purposes.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 26, 2005.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
July 21, 2005	☐ City Attorney