



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 22, 2006

Council Session

Item G11

#2006-236 - Approve HHS Access & Visitation Grant application

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Development Specialist

Council Meeting: August 22, 2006

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

Item #'s: G-11

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Specialist

Background

The Heartland Family Visitation Center is 23 months into a 24-month Planning/Implementation Grant from the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice grant currently funding the Visitation Center goes through the City to the Center as pass-through funds and the City serves as grant administrator. The Center began seeing clients in May 2006 as a pilot project. Center staff continues to expand the number of clients served and expect the number of referrals to grow in the coming year.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) received their 2005 fiscal year annual allocation of \$100,000 for the State Access and Visitation Program. Funds awarded under this grant must be obligated by September 30, 2006, and must be liquidated by September 2007. *HHS has obligated \$23,000 to the Heartland Family Visitation Center (Safe Haven) local project.* A formal grant application must be submitted to receive the funds. The grant is due August 31, 2006. 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 2006-2007 proposed City of Grand Island budget includes this grant as pass-through funding in the 25111614 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. Postpone the issue to a later date.
3. Deny the application request.

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 2006-236

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, the Heartland Family Visitation Center is presently being funded by a Planning/Implementation grant from the Department of Justice and from an Access and Visitation grant from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has identified an interest in providing additional grant funding in the amount of \$23,000 through September 2007 upon completion and submission of the grant application and related paperwork by August 31, 2006; 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).

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 for the Access and Visitation Center Program 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, August 22, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
August 17, 2006	☐ City Attorney