



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Council Session

Item G16

#2007-63 - Approving Grant Award from Region III Behavioral Health Services

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Wendy Meyer-Jerke, Public Information Officer

Council Meeting: March 13, 2007

Subject: Accept Grant Award from Region III Behavioral Health Services

Item #'s: G-16

Presenter(s): Wendy Meyer-Jerke, Public Information Officer

Background

The City of Grand, Community Youth Council, has been awarded \$900 from Region III Behavioral Health Services to help fund the 2007 "Family Day in the Park". The application proposed a follow-up project that built on a pilot 2006 "Family Day in the Park" event which combined existing annual CYC activities and expanded them into ONE day-long family event. The event promoted family interaction and taught Bi-lingual drug use prevention and the risks of methamphetamine use. *The 2007 event will build on the pilot project from last year, adjust some programming issues, and change the focus from methamphetamine use to the reduction of alcohol use among youth.*

The grant was submitted on February 2, 2007 to Region III and will help to offset costs for the event.

Discussion

Some of the organizations that the City of Grand Island and the Community Youth Council may partner with to sponsor the event include: Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism, Central District Health Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Youth Leadership Tomorrow, Tobacco Free Hall County, and the Public Library. The following activities will take place the day of the event:

- 1) A morning Disc Golf tournament for all ages and family teams will be offered at the Stolley Park Disc Golf Course. This popular event draws participants from across the state of Nebraska and from out of state. There are both youth and adult, beginner and proficient categories. Cash prizes are given, as well as donated items from community businesses.

- 2) An Education pavilion will be available during the day with participation from drug prevention/awareness community groups. Community groups with an emphasis on drug use prevention will be invited to participate in an effort to avoid duplication of other family-friendly events that focus on other risky behaviors or threats to health and safety (i.e. Children's Day Festival).
- 3) Afternoon family activities will include an inflated castle for bouncing, snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn. *The committee has invited the Army National Guard to bring their rock climbing wall to the 2007 event.* Adrian Valez, the Guard representative, has expressed interest in participating. A sports clinic, face painting, relay courses, and activities that show drug impairment will be available.
- 4) An age appropriate, value positive evening movie will be shown to families and youth of all ages. Prior to the main feature, a short alcohol abuse video will be aired.

Alternatives

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

1. Accept the grant award from Region III and authorize expenditure of funds by resolution
2. Refer the issue to a Committee.
3. Postpone the issue to a later date.
4. Take no action.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the grant award from Region III be accepted and expenditure of funds authorized by resolution.

Sample Motion

Motion to accept the grant award from Region III and authorize expenditure of funds by resolution.

RESOLUTION 2007-63

WHEREAS, On February 2, 2007, the City of Grand Island, on behalf of the Community Youth Council, submitted a grant application to Region III Behavioral Health Services to assist in funding the 2007 Family Day in the Park; and

WHEREAS, Region III Behavioral Health Services has recommended that the City of Grand Island be provided grant funds awarded to the Community Youth Council, City of Grand Island, in the amount of \$900.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Grand Island is required to sign the grant in acceptance of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the grant funds awarded to the City of Grand Island, Community Youth Council in the amount of \$900.00 to assist in funding the 2007 Family Day in the Park is hereby approved.

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

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 13, 2007.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 9, 2007	☐ City Attorney