



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Council Session

Item G12

#2008-89 - Approving Grant Award from Region III Behavioral Health Services

Staff Contact: Wendy Meyer-Jerke

Council Agenda Memo

From: Wendy Meyer-Jerke, Public Information Officer

Council Meeting: March 11, 2008

Subject: Accept grant award from Region III Behavioral Health Services

Item #'s: G-12

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

Background

The City of Grand, Community Youth Council, has been awarded \$600 from Region III Behavioral Health Services to help fund the 2008 "Family Day in the Park". It will be the third year that the Community Youth Council has sponsored this free family event. The group plans on building on its past success as the event last year received a Community Services Award as part of the Nebraska Community Improvement Program awarded by Governor Dave Heineman.

The event will once again promote family interaction through activities, entertainment and education on healthy lifestyle choices for youth. The emphasis of the use of these grant dollars will be to educate youth on strategies to reduce methamphetamine and marijuana use, as well as ways to incorporate all cultures throughout the activities of the day. In addition, activities will also be provided that educate youth on tobacco use, underage drinking, and childhood obesity.

The grant was submitted on February 7, 2008 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 and Addictions, Central District Health Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Youth Leadership Tomorrow, Tobacco Free Hall County, Substance Abuse

Prevention Coalition, and the Public Library. The following activities will take place the day of the event:

- 1) The morning will consist of some type of family activity to promote exercise and healthy lifestyle choices for the entire family. Possibilities include a disc golf tournament for all ages, family bike ride, family walk/run, horseshoes, etc.
- 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 and youth services will be invited to attend.
- 3) Afternoon family activities will include an inflated castle for bouncing, refreshments (snow cones, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.), GIFD smoke house, ambulance and fire truck, a sports clinic, face painting and tattoos, and family games. The committee has once again invited the Nebraska Army National Guard to bring their rock climbing wall to the 2008 event. Adrian Valez, the Guard representative, has expressed interest in participating again.
- 4) Options for the evening include showing an age appropriate, value positive evening movie for families and youth of all ages. Prior to the main feature, a short alcohol abuse video will be aired. Other possibilities include a magician, comedian, or band/musician appropriate for all ages.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2008-89

WHEREAS, On February 7, 2008, 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 2008 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 \$600.00; 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 \$600.00 to assist in funding the 2008 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 11, 2008.

Mitchell Nickerson, President
Grand Island City Council

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 6, 2008	☐ City Attorney