



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Council Session

Item G15

**#2008-130 - Approving Grant Award from Community
Foundation for Family Day in the Park**

Staff Contact: Wendy Meyer-Jerke

Council Agenda Memo

From: Wendy Meyer-Jerke, Public Information Officer

Meeting: May 13, 2008

Subject: Accept Grant Award from Grand Island
Community Foundation

Item #'s: G-15

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

Background

The City of Grand, Community Youth Council, has been awarded two grants from the Grand Island Community Foundation to help fund the 2008 "Family Day in the Park" event. One grant was the Community Impact Grant for \$2,000 and the other is a Great Idea Grant in the sum of \$500. This 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 is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th at Stolley Park with activities planned in the morning, afternoon, and evening. 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 March 3, 2008 to Grand Island Community Foundation and will help to offset costs for the event. The Community Impact Grant will be used to expand the services and activities of this event, the Great Idea Grant will be used for additional promotional efforts.

Discussion

Some of the organizations that the City of Grand Island and the Community Youth Council are partnering with to sponsor the event include: Central Nebraska Council on Alcoholism and Addictions, Central District Health Department, Project Extra Mile, Parks and Recreation Department, Youth Leadership Tomorrow, Tobacco Free Hall County, Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, and the Grand Island Public Library. The following activities will take place the day of the event:

- 1) The morning will consist of two new activities. One activity is a family scavenger hunt that will incorporate healthy lifestyle clues and questions (in English and Spanish) throughout the park that must be answered in order to take you to the next spot. In addition, an obstacle course will be set up that is suitable for both youth and adults to encourage exercise as a fun, an important way of life. All participants will receive a prize.
- 2) An education pavilion will be available in the afternoon with participation from drug prevention/awareness community groups and several non-profits.
- 3) Afternoon family activities will include an inflated obstacle course, refreshments (snow cones, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.), GIFD Children's Fire Safety House, ambulance and fire truck, Bookmobile, Pelican Pete, a soccer skills challenge, family games, Rock Star brought to the park by Best Buy, entertainment, and much more. The committee has once again invited the Nebraska Army National Guard to bring their rock climbing wall to the 2008 event, as well as one of their helicopters. Adrian Valez, the Guard representative, is participating again this year.
- 4) The evening will include a new touch—a family magic show. Magician Jeff Quinn will provide a magical show with an emphasis on healthy lifestyle choices for youth—drug and alcohol prevention, dealing with peer pressure, etc.—that will be enjoyed by all ages.
- 5) Following the magic show, an age appropriate, value positive evening movie for families and youth of all ages will be shown. The CYC concession stand will be open for both events.

Alternatives

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

1. Accept the grant awards from the Grand Island Community Foundation 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 awards from the Grand Island Community Foundation be accepted and expenditure of funds authorized by resolution.

Sample Motion

Move to accept the grant awards from the Grand Island Community Foundation and authorize expenditure of funds by resolution.

RESOLUTION 2008-130

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2008, the City of Grand Island, on behalf of the Community Youth Council, submitted a grant application to Grand Island Community Foundation to assist in funding the 2008 Family Day in the Park; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island Community Foundation has recommended that the City of Grand Island be provided two grant funds awarded to the Community Youth Council, City of Grand Island, in the amount of \$2,000.00 Community Impact Grant and \$500.00 Great Idea Grant; 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 \$2,000.00 and \$500.00 to assist in funding the 2008 Family Day in the Park are 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 and that the funds may be expended in accordance with the terms and purposes of the grant.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 13, 2008.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
May 8, 2008	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Attorney