City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 16, 2008
Council Session

Item G3

#2008-347 - Approving 2009 Demonstration Grant Contract with Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Community Development

Meeting: December 16, 2008

Subject: Approve Demonstration Grant Contract with Nebraska Children & Families Foundation

Item #'s: G-3

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Administrator

Background

The *Coalition for Children* was formed in September 2004 by a small group of human service professionals who shared a concern youth in Hall County. In 2007, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation committed three years of funding for the Coalition for Children to build community collaboration to improve the local service system to children. Grand Island was one of three Nebraska communities chosen to pilot this collaboration building project. Ogallala and Valentine are also Demonstration grant recipients.

The City received grant awards in 2007 and 2008. This grant has allowed the community to form a Coalition that monitors community policies, decisions, and programs that impact children and families; hire an Administrative Assistant; create a year-long collaboration building curriculum to train a Leadership Team; and given the Steering Committee an opportunity to meet with NCFF staff, state Health and Human Services staff, and others at the state level who work with or fund programs that affect children and families. This is the third year of funding of a three-year grant cycle.

Discussion

The Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF) has awarded $26,489.40 to the City of Grand Island to support the activities of the Coalition for Children. A portion of this grant has been allocated for the Multicultural Coalition. The grant contract period is 1/1/09 - 12/31/09. The City will serve as fiscal agent. An award letter and contract have been received by the City and need to be signed by the Mayor to accept the grant award.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the Demonstration grant contract with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date

Recommendation

City administration recommends that Council approve the Demonstration grant contract with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Demonstration grant contract with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

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WHEREAS, the Coalition for Children was formed in September 2004 by service professionals who shared a concern about youth in Hall County; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition formed a community collaborative to create a social climate where children are valued, safe, and healthy; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation committed three years of funding to the City of Grand Island for the Coalition for Children to build community collaboration to improve the local service system to children.

WHEREAS, Grand Island was one of three Nebraska communities chosen to pilot this collaboration building project and received grant awards in 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF) has awarded $26,489.40 to the City of Grand Island to support the 2009 activities of the Coalition for Children and this is the third year of funding in a three year grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island will serve as fiscal agent for the grant period which runs January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, an award letter and contract have been received by the City and must be signed by the Mayor in order to accept the grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the contract for the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Demonstration Grant is approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any related documents on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant program.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, December 16, 2008.

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Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

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Approved as to Form ¤ _____
December 12, 2008 ¤ City Attorney

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk