



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 09, 2010

Council Session

Item G8

#2010-66 - Approving Agreement for a Foster Youth Advisor and Council Development Grant

Staff Contact: Joni Kuzma

Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Community Development

Meeting: March 9, 2010

Subject: Approve Foster Youth Advisor and Council
Development grant agreement with Nebraska Children
and Families Foundation

Item #'s: G-8

Presenter(s): Joni Kuzma, Community Development Administrator

Background

The Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFE) is offering the City of Grand Island an opportunity to enhance resources and support for youth with foster care experience in our community and in Nebraska through a assessment and planning process. NCFE has funded a variety of programs and collaboration building activities in Grand Island for almost 15 years. For the past 3 years, the Coalition for Children has been building mutual community partnerships, with guidance from NCFE, in preparation for this and other projects that enhance the Child Well-being Prevention System of Care.

The Foster Youth Advisor and Council Development offer generally includes:

- Financial support of up to \$10,000 to select and provide funding for a part-time staff person to enhance and support a local Nebraska Foster Youth Council (NFYC) Chapter.
- Additional financial support of up to \$2,000 for facilitating monthly Nebraska Foster Youth Council meetings in Central Nebraska
- Technical support to assist in creating a strategic plan for foster youth by September 30, 2010
- \$1,000 for community partner meeting expenses

Discussion

The Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFE) is investing in local communities to enhance child well-being throughout the state. The anticipated outcome of this community planning process around youth with foster care experience is to establish connections to local support and build lifelong relationships to help successfully transition foster youth to adulthood.

With acceptance of the offer, a grant in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to the City. No matching funds are required. A written strategic plan for enhanced resources and support of foster youth must be completed and submitted to the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation by September 30, 2010.

The City will act as fiscal agent. The Coalition for Children in collaboration with Community Development will carry out the scope of offer as outlined in the offer letter.

Alternatives

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

1. Approve the grant agreement
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date

Recommendation

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

Sample Motion

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

RESOLUTION 2010-66

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation is offering a Foster Youth Advisory and Council Development grant to the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, the grant includes financial support of up to \$10,000 to complete a community assessment and strategic plan for foster youth;

WHEREAS, a written plan must be completed and submitted to the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation by September 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition for Children will work with Community Development to carry out the scope of offer as outlined in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island will serve as fiscal agent for the grant; and

WHEREAS, an agreement letter has 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 agreement for the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation 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, March 9, 2010.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
March 4, 2010	☐ City Attorney