



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Council Session

Item G12

**#2010-300 - Approving Grant Agreement with Baseball Tomorrow
for Baseball Equipment at the Fieldhouse**

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: October 26, 2010

Subject: Approving Grant Agreement with Baseball Tomorrow

Item #'s: G-12

Presenter(s): Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director

Background

The City applied for a grant from Baseball Tomorrow to help fund the purchase of equipment for the new City Fieldhouse. The grant application requested funding to help purchase batting cages, pitching machines and portable pitching mounds.

Discussion

The grant application was reviewed favorably by the staff at Baseball Tomorrow and a grant has been offered to the City in the amount of \$26,920.80.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council enter into the agreement with Baseball Tomorrow to receive the grant funds.

Sample Motion

Move to enter into an agreement with Baseball Tomorrow to receive grant funding.



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October 11, 2010

Mr. Steve Paustian
Parks and Recreation Director
City of Grand Island
City Hall
100 East First Street
Grand Island, NE 68802-1968
USA

Dear Mr. Paustian:

On behalf of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, I am pleased to inform you that your organization has been selected as a recipient of a grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund in the amount of \$26,920.80 for the purpose and on the conditions set forth below.

Specifically, it is understood that:

1. The grant will be awarded for the sole purpose of purchasing equipment for the baseball and softball training facility within the Community Field House. Specifically, grant funds provided by the Baseball Tomorrow Fund will be used solely for the following items: four retractable batting cages, three pitching machines and four portable pitching mounds, as detailed in your application dated September 22, 2010 and supporting documentation dated July 19, August 30 and September 7, 2010. A list of the approved items, with the amount of grant funds allowed per item, is attached hereto as Attachment 1.

2. The funds will be administered by the City of Grand Island, under the supervision of Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director. Your organization will be responsible for all aspects of the equipment purchases and installation, including without limitation, the bidding process (if applicable) and administrative responsibilities. Any additional expenditures or improvements to the facility, ongoing maintenance and operation, etc., shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Grand Island, it being understood that its grant in the amount of \$26,920.80 defines the limit of responsibility for the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. You have represented that additional funding will be provided by the Nebraska State Fair, the City of Grand Island, the Nebraska Trails Council, the Earl and Maxine Claussen Trust, the Peter Kiewit Foundation and the Grand Island Community Foundation.

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3. The City of Grand Island will furnish the Baseball Tomorrow Fund with a full and complete accounting of funds expended in connection with this grant. Grant report dates are noted on Attachment 1. Grant recipient report forms and instructions are included as Attachment 2. Any portion of the grant remaining upon completion of the project shall be remitted to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund on or before December 31, 2010.

4. The City of Grand Island has provided the Baseball Tomorrow Fund with a written plan and supporting documentation for the anticipated use of grant funds. The Baseball Tomorrow Fund will pay \$26,920.80 on or before October 31, 2010, and the City of Grand Island agrees that the project will be commenced on or before November 15, 2010, and if it is not completed on or before December 31, 2010, any unexpended grant funds will be remitted back to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund.

5. The City of Grand Island agrees to comply with all guidelines and grant requirements of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a copy of which is included as Attachment 3. Your organization specifically agrees that it will not make any public announcement of the grant unless and until you have approval from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund to do so, and that any such announcement will be coordinated with the Baseball Tomorrow Fund and will be in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the *Grant Recipient Guide* which will be provided electronically.

6. The City of Grand Island agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, its members, employees, officers, and agents from and against any and all claims arising out of or in connection with the purchase and use of the baseball and softball training equipment in the Community Field House.

7. The City of Grand Island agrees to allow the Baseball Tomorrow Fund use of its name and logo for the purpose of public relations and media materials concerning this grant.

8. The facility will contain appropriate Baseball Tomorrow Fund signage. This signage will be no smaller than 20" x 24" and made of a durable element which should be permanently mounted onto the outfield fencing or other location specified by the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. This signage will be provided by the Baseball Tomorrow Fund.

9. The City of Grand Island agrees to provide information to the Baseball Tomorrow Fund regarding its program operation, player participation, facility use and conditions annually for two years following the completion of the aforementioned project. The Baseball Tomorrow Fund will provide annually a survey form to be completed by the contact person on file, starting the year following the completion of the project. City of Grand Island agrees to inform the Baseball Tomorrow Fund of any changes to the organization's contact person or information.

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The Baseball Tomorrow Fund is pleased to make this contribution to the future of baseball and softball. Please signify your agreement with the foregoing conditions by signing and returning to me the enclosed two (2) copies of this letter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Bradley
Executive Director

Attachments

Agreed:

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND

By: _____
Steve Paustian
Parks and Recreation Director

Date: _____

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ATTACHMENT 1

BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND

City of Grand Island

APPROVED BUDGET ITEMS/BTF SHARE	
Four retractable batting cages	\$13,796.00
Three pitching machines	9,285.00
Four portable pitching mounds	3,839.80
TOTAL	\$26,920.80

GRANT REPORT DATES	
Final	12/31/2010

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RESOLUTION 2010-300

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island submitted a grant application to the Baseball Tomorrow Foundation in April 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Baseball Tomorrow Foundation has awarded \$26,920.80 to the City of Grand Island to purchase recreational equipment for the Grand Island Community Field House; and

WHEREAS, a Grant Agreement and Letter of Understanding have been provided by the Baseball Tomorrow Foundation to the City to accept the grant award;

WHEREAS, the grant agreement period begins November 1, 2010 and ends November 1, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island, Nebraska is hereby authorized to accept the grant award from the Baseball Tomorrow Foundation and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such proceedings on behalf of the City of Grand Island for such grant programs.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 26, 2010.

Margaret Hornady, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk