



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Council Session

Item G14

**#2011-8 - Approving Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
Contract for Coalition for Children Development Grant**

Staff Contact: Joni Kuzma

Council Agenda Memo

From: Joni Kuzma, Community Development

Meeting: January 11, 2011

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

Item #'s: G-14

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 about youth in Hall County. In 2007, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF) committed five (5) years of funding for the Coalition for Children to build community collaboration to improve the local service system to children. The NCFF Board of Directors has awarded funds for the fifth year of this project.

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, 2008, 2009 and 2010. 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.

Discussion

The Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF) has awarded \$13,244.70 to the City of Grand Island to support the activities of the Coalition for Children. The grant contract period is 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011. 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 2011 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 2011 Demonstration grant contract.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the 2011 Demonstration grant contract with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and authorize the Mayor to sign all related documents.

RESOLUTION 2011-8

WHEREAS, the Coalition for Children was formed to create a community climate where children are valued, safe, and healthy; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation committed five 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 has received four years of funding;

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFE) has awarded \$13,244.70 to the City of Grand Island to support 2011 collaboration-building activities of the Coalition for Children for the fifth year of a five year grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island will serve as fiscal agent for the grant period which runs January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; 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, January 11, 2011.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
January 6, 2011 ☐ City Attorney