



# **City of Grand Island**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2005**

**Study Session**

## **Item -3**

### **Review of Funding for Outside Agencies**

**Staff Contact: David Springer**

**CHARITABLE AGENCIES**

<b><u>ORGANIZATION</u></b>	<b><u>2003 FUNDED</u></b>	<b><u>2004 FUNDED</u></b>	<b><u>2005 FUNDED</u></b>	<b><u>2006 REQUEST</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF RECOMMEND</u></b>	<b><u>2006 BUDGET</u></b>
Comm. Humanitarian Res. Cent.(Hope Harbor)	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 15,000	\$ 4,500	
Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	
Council for International Visitors	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Crisis Center	\$ 10,200	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 12,000	
Family Violence Coalition of Central NE	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
G. I. Dive and Rescue Team - Trailer	\$ 9,772	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,940	\$ -	
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Senior Citizens Industries, Inc.	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
Multicultural Coalition			\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Fishing Derby	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Kaufman-Cummings Park				\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Grand Theatre Foundation, Inc.				\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Totals	\$ 72,472	\$ 57,000	\$ 64,500	\$ 108,940	\$ 64,500	\$ -

**AGENCIES WITH WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS**

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Central Nebraska Humane Society	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$157,500	\$ 162,000	\$ 157,500	
Central Nebraska Health Department	\$374,440	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	
Clean Community Systems	\$ 18,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
Totals	\$542,440	\$305,000	\$312,500	\$ 317,000	\$ 312,500	\$ -
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE AGENCIES</b>	<b>\$614,912</b>	<b>\$362,000</b>	<b>\$377,000</b>	<b>\$ 425,940</b>	<b>\$ 377,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>





## HOPE HARBOR, Inc.

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Grand Island, NE 68801  
[www.hopeharborgi.org](http://www.hopeharborgi.org)

May 6, 2005

David Springer  
Finance Director  
City Hall  
P.O. Box 1968  
Grand Island NE 68802-1968

Dear Mr. Springer, Mayor Vavricek and Council Members:

Please find the enclosed application and budgetary documents for Hope Harbor's request for funding in the amount of \$15,000.00. Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider our application.

Hope Harbor is grateful that the City of Grand Island recognizes its role in serving the homeless and near-homeless in Grand Island. Hope Harbor is fully aware that it takes a Community to end homelessness. We want to thank the City of Grand Island for being a part of the solution.

If you need additional copies or more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cindi Preisendorf  
Executive Director



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May 5, 2005

David Springer  
Finance Director  
City of Grand Island  
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Dear David,

The Convention & Visitors Bureau's around the nation, and in our state, are a result of the competitive nature of the destination marketplace. We are a legitimate source of economic development for Grand Island. Take for example the taxable lodging sales in calendar year 2004. If 85% of the taxable lodging sales of \$11,120,611 were generated by the hotels in Grand Island, \$ 141,787.79 in sales tax would have gone into the city coffers. Knowing that when people stay in our lodging properties, they spend an additional \$126 per day (Average spending per day by visitors minus the average room charge), at 85 % an additional \$259,980 in sales tax is generated. Overnight stays, thus, in Grand Island alone would have generated over \$401,000 in sales tax with the majority attributable to the marketing and promotion of our community by the CVB.

Where I realize in today's economy that funding for the city is a challenge, as it is for the Convention & Visitors Bureau, we also know that to cut back on marketing and promotion can be a critical error. As the competitive nature of our industry sharpens, the value of tourism dollars to our community increases. At this time we run a very lean budget as evidenced by our enclosed financials, but are also faced with an increase in the cost of doing business.

Tourism is one of our city's economic development catalysts as well as a producer of revenue and jobs for this community. The Convention & Visitors Bureau works to continually promote Grand Island and Hall County as a place to visit consequently generating new dollars predominately into the Grand Island economy. Our deliberate tracking of all visitors and inquiries reveal they find out about us from our advertising, website, signs along the highway, at trade & travel shows and the promotional materials distributed nationwide. Where lodging tax in the past was 100% of our budget, in the last 6 years we have sought creative partnerships to help diversify our funding source, today the lodging tax is 85% of our budget.

The continued loss of convention dollars over the past years, due to increased competition from neighboring communities and lack of adequate facilities, turned our attention to creating Grand Island and our region as a family and motorcoach destination. This year we saw a 67% increase in the number of motorcoach groups visiting during the spring migration season. While we only anticipate this market segment growing, we must continue to promote our product to this market. In the past several years, we have been able to hold our own. This, I believe, is due to our investment in these new markets and the creative partnerships we have been able to establish which enabled us to get more for our advertising dollar. The partnership with the city in 2004-2005 helped continue our ability to advertise our community through print media and at trade & travel shows.

The name "Grand Island" dominates all our advertising. Grand Island is associated with everything the convention and visitors bureau does, and the more we are able to do the greater the name recognition/image and likelihood visitors will associate Grand Island with a place they would like to visit, bring their group, tournament and/or convention.

The importance of each convention, meeting, sporting tournament and major event hosted in our community, though, is often times overlooked...the economic impact sustains many of our local businesses. In 2005-2006 over \$40,000 (05-06 projected to be over \$54,000) will be spent on bid incentives, services and supplies for conventions, meeting, sports tournaments, fire school, husker harvest days, 4-H horse show and other large events which draw people over night. Hotels directly benefit, as do restaurants, retail businesses, specialty shops, gas stations and more. The individual/family tourists as well as convention/meeting attendees are the third largest generator of revenue for Grand Island. So each group matters and is the key to our economic vitality.

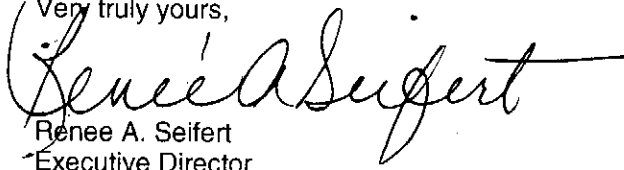
We have established a mutually beneficial relationship with the city and economic development. We would like to, once again, be in partnership with the city so we can continue to promote and market this area, as we have been able to do in the past. I would like to request the City of Grand Island consider a subsidy of \$20,000 for the convention and visitors bureau to assist in the marketing and promotion of our community. \$20,000 may seem insignificant, to some in light of our budget but without the city's partnership one or two of our major marketing areas or our services to groups would have to be cut. Currently all services to conventions, meetings, tournaments, and events are free.

I have included a copy of our 2005-2008 marketing plan and our 2004-2005 budget. I believe our marketing plan indicates a comprehensive and integrated planning approach, based on a marketing strategy and knowledge of marketing distribution channels. We are currently working on our 2005-2006 budget. Our preliminary 05-06 budget shows a 60% increase in financial incentives to groups alone (\$29,060 versus \$17,356 in 04/05). This is due in large part to the competitive nature of this business. Approximately 45% of these financial incentives go to groups who are tax-exempt (paying no lodging tax) but whose presence in our community still contributes to the city coffers.

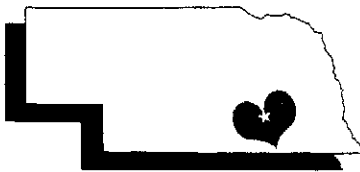
I am enclosing a copy of our preliminary budget. Please understand that the budget committee is still working on the budget. We hope to be able to maintain, in 2005-2006, your partnership and that of others, enabling us to continue our current level of promotion and marketing this coming year.

We have already started working with the Heartland Events Center on a marketing and print media plan for this coming year. A portion of our request will go toward promotion of that facility only. We do look forward to the future. At this time, though, for us to remain competitive with our neighboring communities, which both receive additional funds through a city occupation tax on lodging, and the anticipated increase in lodging tax within our county, we must continue to seek alternative sources of funding to maintain our current level of marketing & promotion while providing the increased financial incentives to groups and promote the Heartland Events Center.

Very truly yours,

  
Renee A. Selfert  
Executive Director

ENC:



## Grand Island Area Council for International Visitors

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Grand Island, NE 68801

May 5, 2005

Mr. David Springer  
Grand Island City Finance Director  
City Hall, 100 East First Street, Box 1968  
Grand Island, NE 68802-1968

Dear Mr. Springer,

The National Council for International Visitors is dedicated to expanding opportunities for citizen diplomacy. It represents a national network of independent program agencies and community based organizations that work with the Department of State. These nonprofit groups design and implement professional programs and provide cultural activities and home hospitality opportunities for foreign leaders, specialists and international scholars.

The Grand Island Area Council for International Visitors is one of those community baased organizations, a volunteer organization with no wages paid. It is a 501c3 organization. Annual membership fees are \$10 per individual or \$15 per couple. The minimal fee allows community members to express their intent to contribute to this program service. Last year's report to the national office noted nearly \$40,000 of local in-kind service contributions by the local group and community resource persons and organizations.

Budget request for 2005-2006.

1. Our budget request remains the same at \$1,000 for the up coming year.
2. Attached is the current budget and past three years historical information.
3. Our treasure is Jean Fisher, 1802 Stolley Park Circle, Grand Island, NE 68803.
4. City funds will be used for newsletter, brochures, postage, transportation reimbursement, visitors meals, visitor mementos, public notices and office supplies. Many of our activities and expenses (scheduling of visitors, local transportation, pot luck community dinners, home hosting) are donated by community volunteers. Our agreement with the city specifies the duties we are to provide. If adequate funding is not available, the efforts of the GIACIV will be downsized to accommodate the lesser dollars available.

We appreciate the support the city has provided in past years and are assured that you will find our mission to develop trust with other nation's leaders to be as meaningful as it is to us.

Sincerely,

Jack Schultz,  
Board Member Liaison to City Council

Rich Bringelson, President

### **City of Grand Island Budget Request**

**1. Amount requested.**

The Crisis Center is requesting \$13,000 from the City of Grand Island for fiscal year 2005-2006. The Crisis Center board respectfully requests the City to consider not only the services which the agency provides but also the Crisis Center's long history in the community. The Crisis Center is asking for the same amount that was requested last year even with an additional service provided, Safe Haven Visitation and Safe Exchange Center.

**2. Detailed program budget with three years of historical financial information.**

See attachments A, B, C, D

**3. Copy of the latest Audit.**

See attachment E

**4. Describe what the City funds would specifically be used for.**

Funds from the City of Grand Island along with support from the other cities and counties are used to support direct client services. These services that are provided on a 24-hour basis include:

- Safe/Transitional Shelters
- Emergency Transportation
- Support Transportation
- Medical Assistance
- Legal Assistance
- Financial Assistance
- Food/Clothing
- Child Care
- Advocacy
- Court Support
- Peer Support Groups
- Educational/Prevention Programs
- On-Scene Advocacy
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- Safe Haven Visitation Center

These services are provided free and confidential to victims and families of domestic or sexual violence. To access these services, the person calls the 24-hour crisis line and request assistance.

These services in more detail are:

- a. **Safe/Transitional Shelter** – The Crisis Center operates three shelters. They consist of a three-bedroom ranch home, a four-bedroom ranch home, and a five-bedroom ranch home all located in the Grand Island area. Two of these homes serve as emergency safe shelters and the third as a transitional shelter. People who are in danger use these shelters or there is a threat of danger. The victim is able to stay at the safe shelters approximately four weeks and the transitional shelter for one year.



There is no charge to stay at the shelters. These shelters are able to house up to 12 families at one time.

- b. **Emergency Transportation** – Procedures have been developed with law enforcement to transport a victim and their children to a law enforcement agency if the victim requests to leave a situation where there is a threat of danger. Once at the safe place, office staff assesses the danger and to be placed in the safe shelter meets the person.
- c. **Support Transportation** – Once a victim has made initial contact with the Crisis Center, they are provided with transportation by staff, taxi or gas money if they have their own vehicle. This allows the person to contact the necessary support agencies in the community. The Crisis Center also provides bus tickets for victims needing to leave the local area to attend court hearings or to relocate to a safer environment.
- d. **Medical Assistance** – While a victim is in shelter, medical needs are attended to that includes the filling of prescriptions and routine office visits. If available, the victim's insurance or Medicaid is billed for these services. Third City Free Clinic is also utilized.
- e. **Legal Assistance** – The Crisis Center assists victims in filling out protection orders. Occasionally, the Crisis Center does provide financial assistance to pay for filing fees to obtain custody of children in a divorce or separation. The victim is responsible for making arrangements with their private attorney to pay their legal fees.
- f. **Financial Assistance** – Most victims in shelter do not have immediate access to person resources. The Crisis Center does occasionally help with rent deposits, telephone deposits, personal items, telephone cards, storage units, and other needs as they arise.
- g. **Food/Clothing** – During a victim's stay at the shelter, the food is provided. Clothing is available for those who are forced to leave their home quickly and was not able to pack any clothing. The agency has a large donation room on site at the office.
- h. **Childcare** – When the victim in shelter is looking for housing, jobs, and keeping appointments with human service agencies, the Crisis Center provides childcare.
- i. **Advocacy** – To help the victim develop a plan of change, they meet daily with a staff advocate to discuss goals, feelings, roadblocks, and services available in the community. The Crisis Center also provides transitional advocacy for up to one year to victims leaving shelter and moving into their own residence.
- j. **Court Support** – Volunteers and staff are available to the victim to provide support in court and during criminal and civil proceedings.
- k. **Peer Support Groups** – To help in the victim's healing, the Crisis Center offers four weekly domestic violence support groups and two children's groups. For sexual assault survivors, there are two incest groups and teen sexual assault groups in the high schools. The Crisis Center also provides teen dating violence support groups in all three of the Grand Island high schools. There is no fee for these groups and transportation and childcare are provided.

- l. Education/Prevention Programs** – To educate the public, students, and professionals, the Crisis Center provides speakers who can address the following topics: date rape, dating violence, domestic violence, elder abuse, rape, acquaintance rape, incest, child abuse, and suicide.
- m. On-Scene Advocacy** – To help the victim when there has been an arrest. Law enforcement calls the on-scene advocates meet with the victim to give them advocacy, support, and information. The on-scene advocates also shelter the victims when the office is closed.
- n. Domestic Violence Intervention Program** – The goals of the program are to stop the violence, help men recognize that they are responsible for their own behavior, explore non-violence and non-controlling ways of relating with women, and provide support and assistance for men who choose to change. The men attend the group either voluntarily or court ordered for 36 weeks.
- o. Safe Haven Visitation Center** – The Crisis Center is a sub-grantee of the City of Grand Island for a grant from US Department of Justice for a neutral supervised visitation center and monitored safe exchange service. Currently the only agency providing visitation services in the area is Visinet and they provide supervisions under a contract with the State of Nebraska only to children in state custody. There currently are no agencies that provide monitored exchange services to local residents. Exchanges of children for visitation are often conducted at gas stations, the mall concourse, fast food restaurants, law enforcement agencies, and rest areas. There is a great concern in our community for the safety and well being of victims of domestic violence and their children.

**5. What would be the impact if the City of Grand Island funds were not provided.**

The services made available to the victims would have to be reduced or eliminated. Examples of the services would be: financial assistance would not be available, support groups would be cancelled, childcare would not be provided, and educational efforts would be reduced.

May 7, 2005

RE: City of Grand Island Budget Request for the Grand Island Dive Rescue Team

1.) Amount Requested

The Grand Island Dive Rescue Team is requesting the amount of \$2940.00

2.) Program Budget: three previous years of financial records and details of equipment costs are on pages 3 through 8.

EQUIPMENT	ANNUAL COST	NU.	LIFE SPAN	FUNDING
Complete set of dive equipment	\$4,684.41	4	10 years	\$1873.76
80 Cu. Ft. Aluminum Scuba Tank	\$210.00	12	20 years	\$126.00
Enclosed Trailer with generator	\$18,770.00	1	20 years	<u>\$938.50</u>
Total amount needed annually for the Equipment Replacement Fund				\$2938.26

3) The Grand Island Dive Team has never been audited. The financial records of the Team is kept by the elected Treasurer. Since October of 2002 this has been Brad Laub.

4.) Purpose for the funds and impact if not provided.

At this time all funds needed for the annual training, maintenance, and insurance expenses are being received from Hall Co. Keno. The Grand Island Dive Team would like to begin an equipment replacement fund. By being able to put a small amount of money away every year funds will be available in the future when it is time to replace equipment.

Building up a large fund will allow us to purchase the equipment that needs replaced all at one time. Ordering several complete sets at once offers the best possible discounts, and ensures the equipment is uniform. Keeping all the equipment identical is important from both a maintenance standpoint, and to ensure all the members are familiar with each set of equipment.

This is a long term plan to help ensure this community always has an effective water rescue team. The funds requested in this proposal will not be spent for many years. It is a concern that by the time this equipment is ready for replacement the large one time amount needed in years to come will not be available in the budget. By beginning a tradition of annual funding in smaller amounts, the financial future of the team is ensured as well as an ongoing relation maintained between the Team and Council as faces change over the years. It should also be noted that with the \$2,700.00 requested from the County Board last year, this proposal will divide support for the team almost equally between Hall County and the City of Grand Island.

The Grand Island Dive Team has served this area for 16 years now. These numbers reflect the equipment needs based on many years of experience and hundreds of man hours in classes related to Public Safety Diving. Of course the balance and use of this equipment fund will always be available on request. Should the Team disband for any reason or another entity take over this service, it is stated in our bylaws that all funds and equipment shall be passed over to that organization.

It is not a matter of "if" we will have another drowning or water emergency in the area, it is simply a matter of "when." We ask for your support in helping to ensure that this community continues to have a Water Rescue Team that is properly trained and equipped to respond when the time comes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brad Laub

Treasurer, Grand Island Dive Rescue Team

**Senior Corps**  
**Foster Grandparents/RSVP Programs**

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May 3, 2005

David Springer, Finance Director  
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Grand Island, NE 68802

RE: Budget Request

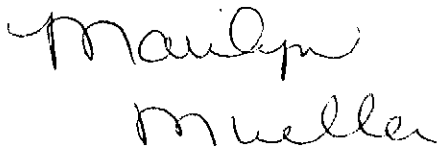
Dear Mr Springer:

The RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) would like to request again this year \$10,000.00 in funds for our 2005-2006 grant year.

The funds that are requested will be used for management wages, volunteer reimbursement for volunteer travel expenses, office supplies, volunteer insurance and volunteer recognition. Our annual budget for RSVP is 45691.00. Our rules and regulations require that 30% of our grant funds come from local match. \$ 31296.00 of our budget is funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service through a Federal Grant. \$3707.00 is covered by in-kind donations and \$10,000.00 is covered by the City of Grand Island.

The RSVP has 55 volunteer sites and over 419 senior volunteers. Last year the volunteer hours totaled 85,000. With out the funds from the City of Grand Island, the program would not meet the required non-federal funding match and the program would loose the Federal Funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn Mueller".

Marilyn Mueller  
Senior Corps Director

# Senior Citizens Industries, Inc.

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April 22, 2005

David Springer  
Finance Director  
City of Grand Island  
P.O. Box 1968  
Grand Island, Ne 68802

Dear Mr. Springer;

Thank you for the letter concerning budget and cut backs. I am sure with your budget it must be an enormous job.

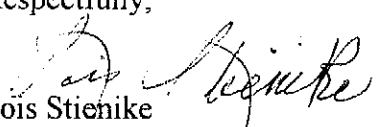
Resources do not look good for the Senior programs either. The State has taken \$5,000 from our budget and given the money to Lincoln and Omaha. They use the census to distribute funds.

I am not a person to ask for money Mr. Springer, but would you please consider continuing the \$15,000 as you have in the past?

The money would provide assistance to the budget in the following areas; maintenance, utilities, insurance and food.

I appreciate the financial support the City has given to the older adults in the community. Your help does make a difference in their lives.

Respectfully,

  
Lois Stienike  
Executive Director  
LS/sk



Grand Generation Center ♦ 304 East 3rd ♦ Grand Island, NE 68801

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MULTICULTURAL  
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May 3, 2005

David Springer, Finance Director  
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Dear Mr. Springer,

The Multicultural Coalition has been actively involved in many areas in the community. We have developed a community orientation plan that has provided direction for our services. Our goal has been to develop a one stop community service center for new immigrants and non-English speaking residents. At the center we intended to provide services or collaborate with existing service providers to meet the needs of the rapidly growing immigrant population.

Currently we are:

- Meeting with fourteen leaders within the Hispanic community to participate in an ongoing leadership group:
  - Identifying common needs
  - Understanding appropriate business practices
  - Understanding the importance of safety compliance issues i.e. use of car seats, seat belts, and not drinking and driving.
- Providing opportunities to develop cross-cultural understanding through:
  - Two diversity panels, one integrated by six first generation immigrants ( 5 from different Latin American countries and one from Sudan), and the second panel was integrated by six young Latino students from Grand Island Senior High School.
  - Bi-monthly membership meetings
  - A One Day Conference called, "Educating our Minds, Fostering Greater Understanding."

- Developing coursework to help new & established immigrants learn to independently access available community resources.

We will be expanding to:

- Work with existing adult English Language Learners (ELL) programs.
- Provide citizenship classes for participants in a bilingual format that ensures understanding of concepts and helps develop the necessary English skills to become productive members of the society.
- Assist immigrant families in understanding the legal immigration process and how to maintain appropriate documentation.

Because of your financial support we have been able to relocate our services to the Old Walnut facility. This move brought the opportunity to co-locate with the Grand Island Public Schools Outreach Center, Immigration Services, the Parish Nurse Program, and the Housing Development Corporation. Some of the benefits of this move and collocating services include such things as:

- Providing new and established immigrants greater access to much needed services.
- Improving substandard housing in the targeted neighborhood, by creating 88 housing units in the facility. Currently, 56 low income families, 42 of which were immigrants families.
- Participating in beautification of a deteriorated historical building.
- Increasing the visibility of the Multicultural Coalition within the community and immigrant population. We currently have 24 participating agencies and since our move last March 10th, we have assisted 22 families with different needs such as, housing, immigration, school registration, domestic violence and referral to ESL classes and the Outreach Center has served 285 Hispanic children and 79 Sudanese throughout the 2004-05 school year.

Currently we are asking for \$10,000 to support ongoing operational costs and further program development. These funds will be used to meet the required matching funds necessary to continue to receive grant funding from the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority. Currently we have 22 businesses and agencies participating in meeting this match by paying their association dues and or major contributions.

• Nebraska Investment Finance Authority	30,000
• Swift & Co	5000
• City of Grand Island	15, 000
• Principal Financial Group	5740
• Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation	5000
• Grand Island Public Schools	72,000
• Community Youth Council	8000
• Central Nebraska Area Health Education Center	250
• Boys & Girls Town	250
• Central Community College	250
• Central District Health Department	250
• Central Nebraska Community Services	250
• Grand Island Chamber of Commerce	250
• Head Start	250
• Housing Development Corporation	250
• Heartland United Way	250
• Grand Island Independent	250
• Girls Scouts of America	150
• University of Nebraska Kearney-Platte River Corridor	250
• State of Nebraska Health and Human Services	250
• Trinity United Methodist Church	250
• First Presbyterian Church	250
• Vocational Rehabilitation	250
• Goodwill Industries	250

Without continued support of the City we are unable to meet the required match to receive grant dollars from NIFA. Discontinuation of the NIFA dollars will result in the elimination of the Director position and ability to continue to provide services in the targeted neighborhood.



Please find the enclosed application and budgetary documents for the Multicultural Coalition of Grand Island request for funding. Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider our application. The Multicultural Coalition is grateful that the City of Grand Island recognizes its role in serving the new and established immigrants in Grand Island becoming productive and active members of the community.

As Grand Island recognizes and appreciates the contributions of the immigrant and minority populations, the entire city will benefit. Acceptance of the immigrant population will be more forthcoming if some of the fear factors are addressed. The local economy and general social sense will flourish by helping newcomers grow and prosper.

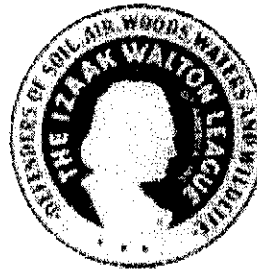
If you need additional copies or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O. PÉREZ". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Odalys Pérez

Director of the Multicultural Coalition of Grand Island.



May 6, 2005

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, June 25, 2005 the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Island Izaak Walton Kids Fishing Derby, will be held at the Nebraska Veterans Home Lake in Grand Island, located at 2300 West Capitol Avenue.

The goal of this event is to increase public awareness of fishing, to encourage youth to experience first hand this enjoyable sport, and to advocate an alternative activity to drugs and alcohol.

We realize the importance of stressing non-competitiveness in this type of activity and hope that prizes can be awarded to each registered child. Between 300 and 400 youth are expected at this event. This is where your help is needed. Monetary donations for purchase of prizes for the youth are requested.

Only the support of businesses will make this a successful event for the youth of Hall County. To show our appreciation and gratitude to all the sponsors, the names of the sponsors will be publicized on promotional material, the registration booth, and via the news media covering the event.

If you would be willing to help support this worthwhile cause, or have questions, please call John Meister at 308-384-6048 or mail your donations to:

Grand Island Izaak Walton  
% John Meister  
1417 N. Piper  
Grand Island, Ne 68803

Thank you for your support of our youth.

Sincerely,

John Meister and Frank Steffes  
Events Coordinators

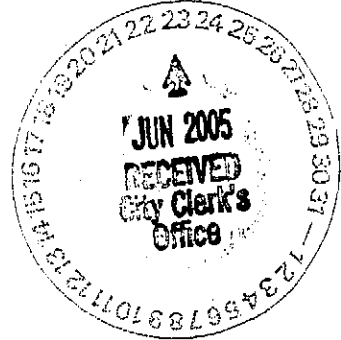


# Downtown

*Grand Island*

June 16, 2005

Mayor Jay Vavricek and City Council Members  
City Hall  
100 E 1<sup>st</sup> St  
Grand Island, NE 68801



The Business Improvement District (BID #5) would like to request the city allocate funding for redevelopment of the Kaufman-Cummings Park in downtown Grand Island. At the request of the Mayor, the downtown board carefully and deliberately identified the priority areas for the continued growth of the downtown. The development of the Kaufman-Cummings Park emerged as the number one priority. We believe, as presented to the Mayor and City Council, that people are seeking an "experience" in downtowns throughout the country, differentiating downtown from all other areas. Having an area for programming events that compliment the reopened Grand Theatre, would increase foot traffic and would therefore be important to creating this experience.

BID #5 has asked Marty Shukert with RDG to develop a plan for reuse of this very important center of downtown. We anticipate he will have the initial drawings in approximately 90 days.

We understand that the City Budget for 2005/2006 is underway. We are requesting at this time that funding be set aside for this project in the anticipated likelihood that Marty is successful in developing a plan that is pleasing to downtown businesses and property owners, visitors, patrons and city government alike.

Sincerely,

K.C. Hehnke, Chair  
Business Improvement District 5

CC: Council  
Admin.  
Finance

6-23-05

# GRAND THEATRE

316 West 3rd Street - Downtown Grand Island, NE 68801 - 308-381-8298 - [www.grandmovietheater.com](http://www.grandmovietheater.com)

cc Springer

May 5, 2005



Mayor Jay Vavricek and  
City Councilmembers  
City of Grand Island  
Post Office Box 1968  
Grand Island, NE 68802

Dear Mayor Vavricek and Members of the City Council:

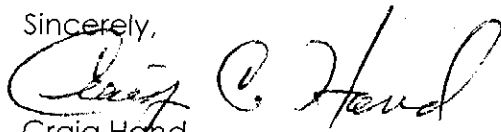
On behalf of the Grand Theatre Foundation, Inc., please consider this letter as a request for funding to assist with the operations and maintenance of the Grand Theatre. As you are aware, the Grand was donated to our non-profit organization when the previous owners made the business decision to close the Theatre.

We are very excited with the community's response to keeping the Grand open. Most recently, the Kaufmann-Cummings Trust made a \$20,000 donation to the Grand Theatre in 2005 with an additional \$30,000 to be paid out in 2006. In addition, the Foundation received \$10,000 from Vern and Esther Taylor Foundation and \$5,000 from memorials to Clarence Walters. These funds will be used to purchase the movie projector (\$50,000).

While our community members have been generous in their financial support of the Theatre, we respectfully request that the City Council allocate \$10,000 for the annual utilities and other incidental operational expenses. This request was included as part of the Downtown Vision presented to the Council in April.

If you would like additional information relative to our organization, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Craig Hand  
President



PO Box 938  
Grand Island, NE 68802

Mr. David Springer  
Finance Director, City of Grand Island  
100 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Grand Island, NE 68801

Dear Mr. Springer

The board of directors of the Central Nebraska Humane Society respectfully submits our City of Grand Island budget request for Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006. The attached budget detail defines our current year and projected budget income and expense.

CNHS continues to review and improve on our contract with the city for animal control. We stand firm that in the past year we have become more aware of the concerns of the public and have made great strides improving both our service to the community and the professional level at which we provide this much utilized public benefit.

As CNHS works towards the goal of a new facility to improve the quality of services we provide, we also continue to assess the long term needs to fully serve the Grand Island population in a manner that reflects a humane, professional and legal treatment of both the citizens we serve and the animals that find themselves in our care.

Beyond our animal control service, CNHS also maintains the never ending task of care and placement of companion animals. The board of directors has taken great strides in the past few years to increase the public awareness of CNHS and to bring to light the positive work we do. Through aggressive fund raising, outreach and education in the community we have achieved a more respected role as a city entity and feel we will continue this trend.

The increase of \$4,500.00 reflected in this request is a 2.8 % change from our previous year's allotment. The expense of ACO vehicle maintenance and fuel has placed a strain on our budget. CNHS has also increased overall staffing to include more hours of operation and accessibility to our services for the community. I welcome your questions or concerns regarding this request. I can be reached at the society at 385-5579.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. Driml  
Executive Director

*The purpose of the Central Nebraska Humane Society is to provide shelter to lost and homeless animals, to educate the community about the humane care and treatment of all animals, to advocate animal welfare, and to further the bond between people and animals.*

May 9, 2005

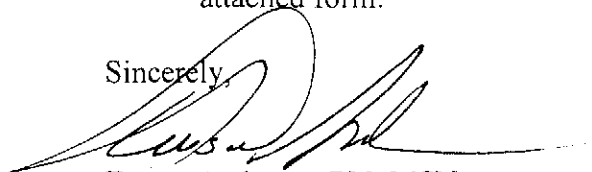
David Springer  
Finance Director  
City of Grand Island  
PO Box 1968  
Grand Island, NE 68802-1968

RE: 2005-06 BUDGET REQUEST

The Board and Staff of CDHD are grateful to the city of Grand Island for its strong and ongoing support. We are proud and pleased to partner with the City of Grand Island in providing public health services to the residents of Grand Island. We continue to leverage local government funds received for public health programming by actively seeking grant monies from various state and national private and government agencies.

- 1.) The Central District Health Department (CDHD) respectfully requests continued support from the City of Grand Island in the amount of \$135,000.00 for the 2005-06 fiscal year. Please note the amount requested this year is the same as requested annually for each of the past two years.
- 2.) Please refer to Jaye Monter, City Accountant for copy.
- 3.) Please refer to Jaye Monter, City Accountant for copy.
- 4.) Funds provided by the City of Grand Island will be utilized for a variety of public health services. In the upcoming fiscal year, CDHD will complete the comprehensive community assessment begun in the current fiscal year. The results of this survey will serve to guide CDHD in planning additional services and interventions designed to protect and promote the health of our community. Additionally, CDHD will continue to provide base programs as outlined on the attached form.

Sincerely,



Teresa Anderson RN, MSN  
Executive Director  
Central District Health Department



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205 North Wheeler ▪ Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

April 18, 2005

David Springer, Finance Director  
City of Grand Island  
P. O. Box 1968  
Grand Island, NE 68802

RE: City of Grand Island Budget Request

The Grand Island Area Clean Community System's will once again request \$20,000.00 for fiscal year October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006.

David I cleaned out my computer of old documents and I must have thrown away the budget year request 2002-2003. Please find enclosed financial information from budget year 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.

The State of Nebraska audits our grants, plus we have two bank employees, a bookkeeper and a C.P.A. that assist our office with our financial management. The executive coordinator and the Board of Directors for the Clean Community System have control of our finances.

Please find enclosed our budget for fiscal period October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006. If we did not receive the \$20,000 funding from the City of Grand Island it would affect our getting grants from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality plus it would not allow us the ability to do the programs for the City of Grand Island that we are now doing and want to start. Please see enclosed for a list of projects we are doing now and possible projects for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Curtis".

Betty Curtis, Coordinator  
Grand Island Area Clean Community System

Enclosures