

Public Hearing: 12-9-13

FACT SHEET

TITLE: Human Services Emergency Fund

SPONSOR: Human Services

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:

OPPONENTS:

APPLICANT: Kit Boesch

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

REASON FOR LEGISLATION:

To approve the designation of an additional \$14,625.00 from Keno lottery gross proceeds for human services to be allocated to the 2013 H.S. Emergency Fund in order for Human Services to provide \$4,875.00 to each of the following three agencies for the hiring of three part time Americorp workers: Golden Warriors at El Centro de las Americas; Talented Tenth Scholars at Malone Center; and the Salvation Army Sudanese Program.

DISCUSSION

The Keno Advisory Committee put \$15,000 in an "emergency fund" for my office to allocate should something come up that would be needed quickly (see attached minutes/action item). An opportunity to hire 3 ethnic AmeriCorps workers to assist Golden Warriors at El Centro de las Americas, Talented Tenth Scholars at Malone Center, and the Salvation Army Sudanese Program came across my desk - but the due date was in two weeks. Each agency would need a \$4875 commitment for this person and the remainder of the salary/benefits are paid for by AmericiCorps.

These are three of our strong gang prevention programs. Coordinators are overworked and really could use the assistance. It was a small amount to pay with AmeriCorps picking up the bulk of the tab. The JBC agreed with the decision to pay for a one time expense of \$4875 for each center so they could move forward. The Americorps grant was approved.

Continuation funding will be through the Juvenile Justice Prevention Fund the following year(s). At this time, each Center has hired a culturally competent AmeriCorps worker; have signed a contract; and are requesting the funding.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: Kit Boesch, Human Services

REVIEWED BY: Rick Peo, City Law Department

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

July 12, 2013

Attendees: Doug Emery, City Council, Kit Boesch, Human Services; Kerry Eagan, County Board; Jane Raybould, County Board; Deb Schorr, County Board; Robin McDannel, United Way; Jon Carlson, Mayor's Office; Olga Kanne, Urban Development; CJ Johnson, Region V; and Jenni Hoemann, Human Services

Excused and Absent: Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; and Leirion Gaylor Baird, City Council

Deb called the meeting to order. Due to initial lack of quorum, approval of the minutes was postponed until later – need to approve them at next month's meeting. Quorum was reached 30 minutes into the meeting.

Activities Report – Kit Boesch:

Kit pointed out a few items on her Activities Report for June/July.

- NiaTx is a procedure improvement process. Funding (\$900) has been awarded through a CLAS grant for part 1 which entails a Critical Conversation to be held between cultural experts & healthcare representatives. Part 2 is the actual NiaTx project implementation for which funding has been applied for through a CHE grant.
- Community Response Team is a project that looks at how to meet needs of children & families in Crisis. They are looking at utilizing the already successful Healthy Families America model that is currently in use by the Health Department.
- This year Kit will visit 6 agencies in July & August for her 2013 Summer Tour. JBC members are invited to join her on these site visits to see what the agencies are doing with or without City/County money. Keep an eye out for the schedule.
- JJPF allocations were approved by the County Board. The Keno Advisory Board along with Sara Hoyle & Lori Griggs are the people who review these applications. This year it has been turned over to Sara Hoyle to monitor. Several agencies received contingencies in relation to their award.
- The County Board has approved the new EAS position which has been on contract from Cedars. The position should be hired by October.
- Welcoming City Proclamation was presented at NATF on June 21st. Lincoln was one of the first 10 cities to sign on. It will put us in a position to help shape the work of the initiative and could have future funding potential.

Keno Update

Keno has been changed from meeting twice a year to once a year to allocate funds. We are waiting for legal direction on how to invest the \$1 Million restricted fund. Kit will present the new guidelines at the County Board meeting next week.

Action Item:

Kit brought to the table the issue of gang prevention; three agencies that currently work with the concerned populations; and the possibility of funding 3 part-time Americorps workers to assist the staffing needs of these agencies. El Centro, Salvation Army, & Malone Center all work with high risk youth through successful prevention programs but they have limited staff & are unable to expand. Each would benefit greatly with a part-time Americorps worker.

To get an Americorps worker agencies have to apply & match \$4,875 for a part-time person. It is a 3 year commitment. Kit would like to use Keno Prevention Funds this year to pay for each

of the 3 agencies' 1st year of having an Americorps person (\$14,625). For the next 2 years the agencies could apply for JJPF funding for the match dollars. It's too late to do so this year. Kit asked JBC for guidance on how to find funds for this. It was suggested that she utilize the newly created H.S. Emergency Fund. So far, \$5,000 of the proposed \$10,000 fund has been set aside. Since the Emergency Fund was determined to be replenishing each round as needed, with the approval of JBC, Kit can allocate the \$5,000 already set aside; the remaining \$5,000 scheduled to come out this coming round; and an additional \$10,000 to replenish the fund –\$5,000 of which would also be used for the Americorps workers. This would leave an Emergency Fund of \$5,000 to be available over the course of the next year.

Doug moved to award \$14,625 out of the Keno Fund into the Emergency Fund to use for 3 part-time Americorps workers; 1 each for El Centro, Salvation Army & Malone Center; with the caveat that they fund years 2 & 3 on their own; and that the Emergency Fund be replenished to \$5,000. Jane seconded; motion passed.

REPORTS:

United Way, Robin McDannel: Pacesetters have kicked off - \$7 million campaign goal. The general campaign kickoff is Sept. 5th at the Arena. On Aug 27th at Noon there will be a luncheon attended by the United Way US President Stacy Stewart at the Cornhusker (Women's Leadership Luncheon); anyone can attend. They are working on a project with McPhee over the next 5 years. The Emerging Leaders luncheon is July 18th for people under 40, and will highlight the McPhee project.

Region V Systems, C.J. Johnson: Currently working on the Community Mental Health Center transition; Centerpointe, OMNI Behavioral Health and Lutheran Family Services are the 3 agencies involved. They are trying to get the licensing process worked out with the Department of Health. Centerpointe is looking at utilizing the Midtown Building for their day program; but must consider occupancy issues.

In anticipation of ACA they have created new line items in their planned expenditures with the State which will give them more flexibility moving forward. For instance, last year a behavioral health integration line item was approved – CJ gave the example that individuals with a mental health diagnosis & a chronic health issue will spend more money treating their health care issue than someone without a mental health diagnosis.

There's also a new way the State looks at Regional expenditures. Region V has 24.4% of the population of the State & they receive about 24.4% of the allocation. However, they actually serve 30.2% of everyone in the behavioral health system which equates to about 2,000 additional individuals.

Urban Development, Olga Kanne: They have recently finished remodeling several homes that are now up for sale. They are available for first-time homebuyers with household incomes at or below 80% of the Lincoln median income. These are generally condemned or repossessed properties that the City takes ownership of in order to clean up the neighborhood & restore. Lincoln Northeast students build a house each fall that is utilized by the PRT group. The latest property that was attained was an 8-plex they demolished and have plans to build 2 new units, although there is pressure to rebuild high density instead.

Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, Jon Carlson: They've been working with CLC's Neighborhood Action Team. They have 3 goals: Smart Kids, Thriving Families & Strong Neighborhoods.

They've finalized the Strong Neighborhoods component of their plan which includes a community building curriculum for their site supervisors (called something else now – SCC's). This will help them with their SNAC groups (school neighborhood advisory committee) & the way they talk about what improvements they want to do in the community. Jon feels it would be nice if they had more resources than just the site supervisors to do the community piece, but he hasn't talked to anyone about it yet.

Jon is also working with Beatty Brasch from Center for People in Need; to provide an apartment in "Karen Village" which is a large apartment building primarily rented by Karen families. CPIN will use the apartment to teach basic life skills.

Next meeting will be scheduled via Doodle calendar. Please check your emails.

***Doodle results - Next meeting will be: Friday, Sept. 6th from 10:30am-12:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenni Hoemann
Human Services