

2008 RAPID CITY SUBSIDY COMMITTEE
October 19, 2007

Finance Officer Jim Preston called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. with the following present: Council President Malcom Chapman; Council Vice President Bill Okrepkie, Community Development Director Barbara Garcia, United Way Executive Director Renee Parker, Mayor Alan Hanks, Assistant Finance Officer Pauline Sumption, and Administrative Coordinator Jackie Gerry.

All applications submitted requesting 2008 subsidy funding were mailed earlier to members of the Committee for their review. Finance Officer Preston noted the Allied Arts will receive \$112954; one-half of the subsidy fund.

Relative to the 211 Rapid City HELPLine Center, Preston asked if the Committee will fund this program again as it did for the 2007 Subsidy – one-half each from the arts subsidy and the humanities subsidy. Parker indicated that the 211 Rapid City HELPLine Center has been greatly used since being implemented, explaining that the Center provides information about events and activities in Rapid City, and referral services in Rapid City. Mayor Hanks indicated his desire not to fund the program from the subsidy. Alderman Okrepkie suggested this program should be funded from the line item budget and should be included in the Mayor's Office budget. Garcia reported that the 211 Rapid City HELPLine Center has submitted an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and indicated that they are eligible because of their expanded service.

The following funding requests and intended use of the funds were reviewed:

Allied Arts	Disburse specified amounts to designated organizations mandated by the City; accept grant applications and apply a structured process to determine how to disburse funds in a fair and reasonable manner; and apply an administrative expense for AAF to administer disbursements of City subsidy funds.
American Red Cross	Service to 500 people in Family Caregiving Program that includes home safety, care giving skills, personal care, healthy eating, legal & financial issues, dementia, care giving resources, and caring for the caregiver; Babysitting Program which helps youth from ages 11 – 15 gain skills and confidence to be a great babysitter; and the Pet First Aid Program that teaches owners of dogs and coats how to respond to a pet emergency.
Big Brothers/Sisters	Benefit 600 area children and volunteers by continuing to provide opportunities for matches to come together to celebrate their mentoring experiences. Fund activities such as the Summer Picnic, Holiday Part, Ice Cream Socials, Scrap booking Sessions with Mother Mentors and new Moms, Cobbler 2 Cobbler (Senior – Freshman mentoring), social events with National Guard, and meals for Campus Kids.
Canyon Lake Senior Center	Center offers over 42 activities for its members and the funds will support the Center by helping to defray some of the costs for the activities.
CASA	Provide advocacy services for abused / neglected children by recruiting, training and supervising additional volunteers.

Preston indicated that an application was mailed to the City Wide Halloween Party group organizer, but no response was received. He explained that the group will receive \$750 for 2007 as last year's committee appropriated this amount. It was suggested the organizers should charge an admission fee for this event. No allocation was approved as no application was received.

Community Health Center	Provide on-site medical services to students and their families of the four elementary and middle schools in North Rapid; which will be accomplished by the establishment of a school based clinic at General Beadle Elementary school.
Cornerstone Rescue Mission	Implement a State licensed child care program that will provide quality daily child care and education services for the children who reside at the Cornerstone Women & Children's Home and Transitional Housing Project.
Elderly Meals (WSDSS)	Provide a portion of local cash support required to support the program. Federal support is 29%, State - 14%, City & County - 1%, program income - 34%, fund raising and donations - 16%, and United Way - 6%.

Garcia indicated that Habitat for Humanity submitted an application to CDBG to use for the purpose of acquiring land; and recommended funding from the subsidy for two houses.

Habitat for Humanity	Assist six families - support services (\$1,000), building permits (\$1,000 p/house), and engineering / survey fees (\$750 p/house).
Minneluzahan Senior Center	Support programs, activities, maintain facility and provide nutritional services to members and non-members.

In reviewing the request from the Club for Boys, Parker indicated that the Club does not turn away any boy needing a meal. In reviewing the revenue and expense report submitted, direct contributions were noted. It was explained that the organization received a grant that is not totally expended. It was suggested there may have been an increase in the employee benefits. Parker indicated that the Club has other funding sources, and recommend some funding.

Rapid City Club for Boys	Provide free healthy meals to the boys who may not have been provided basic nutrition otherwise.
Rural America Initiatives	Provide snacks as attendance incentives for 100 students from North, South and General Beadle schools attending the ATEYAPI Mentoring Project, an after school program.
Salvation Army	Provide rent and utility assistance to a minimum of 25 families, which is approximately 7% of unmet needs.
Senior Companions	Provide payment of mileage and meals reimbursement paid to volunteers in the Rapid City area. Nine volunteers provide service to 75 clients to help them to remain in their own homes or apartments.

Teton Coalition, Inc. Provide home buyer education to 100 students by purchasing materials and books; renting meeting space; and paying teacher's salary.

Garcia reported that Western Resources for dis-ABLED submitted an application to the CDBG and received approval for funding, but they have not done their project for these funds. Garcia indicated that they are having some staff issued.

Western Resources for dis-ABLED Conduct activities for the purpose of promoting equal access to all services, programs, resources and facilities in public areas.

Working Against Violence Operate and maintain the shelter - food & supplies; building and vehicle insurance premiums; and cleaning and food service support staff.

Youth & Family Service Provide critical and essential center-based and outreach programs for girls ages 6 - 17.

Parker indicated that the Front Porch Coalition is grant dependent and suggested their need is great as the suicide rate is increasing.

Front Porch Coalition Operating expenses of a 24-hour system for dispatching volunteers, printing and ordering educational packets, volunteer training expenses, administration, and program supplies for the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (L O S S) Team.

Wellspring Provide transportation of youth from local schools to Wellspring's outpatient programs.

211 Rapid City HELPLine Center Provide 211 services to Rapid City citizens; and prepare reports to the community on community trends, unmet needs, and emerging issues for community planning.

It was recommended by the Committee that the applications from the Dakota Gathering of the Clans and Rapid city Downtown Association for the Festival of Presidents be forwarded to the Allied Arts for consideration.

Dakota Gathering of the Clans Expand promotional efforts and entertainment offerings.

Rapid City Downtown Association Promote the Festival of Presidents

The following is the 2008 Subsidy Funds as discussed and recommended:

1	Allied Arts	\$112,954
2	American Red Cross	No Funding
3	Big Brothers/Sisters	\$4,000
4	Canyon Lake Senior Center	\$14,000
5	CASA	\$6,000
6	Community Health Center	\$10,000
7	Cornerstone Rescue Mission	\$10,000
8	Elderly Meals (WSDSS)	\$5,500
9	Habitat for Humanity	\$5,500
10	Minneluzahan Senior Center	\$21,500
11	Rapid City Club for Boys	\$3,000
12	Rural America Initiatives	\$3,000
13	Salvation Army	\$5,000
14	Senior Companions	\$1,000
15	Teton Coalition, Inc.	\$2,000
16	Western Resources for dis-ABLED	No Funding
17	Working Against Violence	\$6,000
18	Youth & Family Service	\$4,500
19	Front Porch Coalition	\$2,000
20	Wellspring	\$2,000
21	211 Rapid City HELPLine Center	\$7,953
22	Dakota Gathering of the Clans	No Funding
23	Rapid City Downtown Association	No Funding
	Totals	\$112,953

Okrepkie moved, second by Garcia to direct staff to send a letter to the 211 Rapid City HELPLine Center instructing them to contact the Mayor's Office with a request to be included in the normal budget process; and to recommend to the City Council, approval of the 2008 Subsidy Fund allocations.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.