

SUBSIDY COMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Rapid City, South Dakota

C/SAC – 2nd Floor, Caucus Room
October 27, 2008

Finance Officer Jim Preston called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with the following Committee members present: Mayor Alan Hanks, Council President Deb Hadcock, Council Vice President Lloyd LaCroix, United Way Executive Director Renee Parker, Assistant Finance Officer Pauline Sumption, Community Resource Director Kevin Thom, and Community Development Director Barb Garcia. Others included Administrative Coordinator Jackie Gerry.

All 2009 Subsidy requests were mailed earlier to Committee members for their review. The following funding requests and intended use of the funds were reviewed.

It is noted that the Allied Arts will provide a recommendation on the City subsidy awards budgeted for 2009 – totaling \$100,000, which is one-half of the subsidy fund.

Allied Arts	Accept grant applications and apply a structured process to determine how to disburse funds in a fair and reasonable manner.
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In reviewing the request and line item budget for the American Red Cross, concern is indicated over a significant increase in their salary line item. Recommendation is no funding.

American Red Cross	Provide basic needs to families in crisis in Rapid City community. Increase volunteer recruitment program. Assist in community awareness through participation in public education events and work with local fire departments & emergency management to prepare citizens.
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Big Brothers/Sisters	Support agency activities which offer a variety of opportunities to area youth, their mentors, and their families which are non-alcohol, tobacco and drug free events. Events include Campus Kids, Cobbler 2 Cobbler, Summer Picnic, Holiday Party, Spring/Summer Outdoor event, and Fall Festival activity.
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Canyon Lake Senior Center	Support the Center by helping to defray some of the cost for activities for members.
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In reviewing the request and line item budget for the CASA program, concern is indicated over their 2008 revenue. The indication is that their fund raising projects are not meeting their anticipated success.

CASA	Provide advocacy services for abused / neglected children by recruiting, training and supervising additional volunteers.
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An application was mailed to the City Wide Halloween Party group organizer, but no response was received. This group received \$750 in 2007 but no allocation was approved for 2008. It is indicated that the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center will incur this expense and ultimately subsidize this event. Recommendation is no funding because the group did not submit an application.

In reviewing the request and line item budget for the CHCBH, it is noted that in 2007, forty-seven percent of their users were uninsured; and thirty-seven percent were living at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level. It is reported that the CHCBH can expect funds from Pennington County, the United Way, and CDBG.

Community Health Center Continue expansion of human services to the medically un/under-served. Work with RCPD and City as a participant in the re-entry program.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission Provide necessary financial assistance needed to implement the programming services offered through the Cornerstone Apartments, The Women & Children's Home, and Men's Mission.

Elderly Meals (WSDSS) Provide portion of local cash support required to support the program. Federal support - 35%, State - 11%, City & County - 1%, program income - 32%, fund raising & donations - 15%, United Way - 6%. Donations from seniors decreased 3%. Only 45% of home delivery clients donate for their mean. Food costs increased 14%.

An application was mailed to the Habitat for Humanity, and a response was received after the deadline. Recommendation is no funding because the group did not submit their application in a timely manner.

Minneluzahan Senior Center To support programs, activities, maintain facility and provide nutritional services to low - moderate income members and non-members.

Rapid City Club for Boys Provide transportation from schools (Robbinsdale, Valley View and Rapid Valley Elementary) located to far from the Club for boys to safely walk. Expenses associated with bussing program include the driver, maintenance and fuel.

Because there is no indication that the Rapid City Youth Boxing group is a nonprofit organization; the recommendation is no funding.

Rapid City Youth Boxing, Inc. Assist with travel expenses for boxers to compete in matches.
(Martinez Boxing Club)

An application was mailed to Rural American Initiatives, but no response was received. Recommendation is no funding because the group did not submit an application.

In reviewing the request and line item budget for the Salvation Army, concern is indicated that there may be some discrepancy in expected revenues. It is agreed that Finance Officer Preston would contact the Salvation Army to inquire about the figures to determine if the financial report is correct. It is noted that many nonprofit organizations are down in their contributions. It is reported that the Salvation Army expects to relocate all their programs to their new facility and may need to raise more funds for the operation of their new facility. It is indicated that the Salvation Army received a request for more food boxes, during the Thanksgiving holiday, for the elderly who live the high-rises.

Salvation Army Provide a supplement of \$15 per order for 400 families for food.

Senior Companions Provide portion of matching funds for CNCS grant. Pay portion of mileage reimbursement & meal allowance for Senior Companions.

In reviewing the request and line item budget for the Teton Coalition, the recommendation is no funding because the intended use of the funding request is for supplies and materials to print an education book for first-time home buyers. It is noted that the Coalition receives money from the State that can be used for the purpose of printing their educational materials.

Teton Coalition, Inc. Production (paper, printing, comb binders) of books for the homebuyer education to include Housing Counseling, Financial Literacy, Home Maintenance, Landscaping, Foreclosure Prevention and Predatory Lending.

In reviewing the request and line item budget for the Western Resources for the dis-ABLED, it is indicated that they have 2007 CDBG funds that have not been totally expended. It is suggested that this organization is not submitting their documentation in a timely manner. Question was raised about what would be considered as "Other" expenditures.

Western Resources for dis-ABLED Conduct activities that serve youth, that promote self-awareness, self-esteem, advocacy and self-empowerment skills, Assist in exploring career options, including transition from school to post-school activities.

An application was mailed to Working Against Violence, Inc., but no response was received. Recommendation is no funding because the group is receiving funds through the City budget.

In reviewing the request and line item budget for YFS, concern is raised about the considerable increase in the salary line item. It is suggested that a newly expanded facility will attract more new clients and additional staff is needed to provide services.

Youth & Family Service Implement activities to promote physical fitness and wellness. Purchase nutrition and physical fitness curriculum and resources; age appropriate sports equipment; supplies to provide hands-on nutrition education activities; develop evaluation tools to monitor successes; provide training on education and physical health topics; and pay sport registration fees.

In reviewing the request and line item budget for Front Porch Coalition, concern is noted over the position cash balance and projected revenue for this organization.

Front Porch Coalition Operating expenses of a 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 (LOSS) Team.

Applications were mailed to Volunteers of America, Dakotas and Wellspring, but no responses were received. Recommendation is no funding because these groups did not submit an application.

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.

Miss Wheelchair America Ms. Wheelchair American Pageant to be hosted in Rapid City, August 23-29, 2009. Help fund this national event.

An application was mailed to Rapid City - Nikko City Sister City Association, but no funding is being recommended because the group is receiving funds through the City budget.

Rapid City - Nikko City Sister City Association Host large farewell banquet, invite community dignitaries, gifts for visitors and Nikko City, cover fuel expense to tour Black Hills.

In reviewing the request and line item budget for Black Hills Center of Equality no funding is being recommended.

Black Hills Center of Equality Provide education, preventive training, and testing for HIV/AIDS in western region of South Dakota. Provide safe place for youth and adult support groups, intervention and counseling.

The following is the 2009 Subsidy Funds as discussed and recommended:

1.	Allied Arts	\$ 100,000
2.	Big Brothers/Sisters	\$ 4,000
3.	Canyon Lake Senior Center	\$ 14,000
4.	CASA	\$ 6,000
5.	Community Health Center	\$ 12,000
6.	Cornerstone Rescue Mission	\$ 10,000
7.	Elderly Meals (WSDSS)	\$ 5,500
8.	Minneluzahan Senior Center	\$ 21,500
9.	Rapid City Club for Boys	\$ 3,000
10.	Salvation Army	\$ 5,000
11.	Senior Companions	\$ 1,000
12.	Teton Coalition, Inc.	\$ 1,000
13.	Western Resources for dis-ABLED	\$ 1,000
14.	Youth & Family Service	\$ 4,500
15.	Front Porch Coalition	\$ 2,000
16.	211 Rapid City HELPLine Center	\$ 9,000
17.	Miss Wheelchair America	\$ 500
	Totals	\$ 200,000

Sumption moved, second by Thom to refer the 2009 Subsidy Fund Allocation to the Legal Finance Committee with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.