

2007 RAPID CITY SUBSIDY COMMITTEE
October 13, 2006

Finance Officer Jim Preston called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. with the following present: Council President Tom Johnson; Council Vice President Malcom Chapman, Growth Management Director Marcia Elkins, United Way Executive Director Renee Parker, Mayor Jim Shaw, Assistant Finance Officer Coleen Schmidt, and Administrative Coordinator Jackie Gerry.

All applications submitted requesting 2007 subsidy funding were mailed earlier to members of the Committee for their review. Finance Officer Preston noted the Allied Arts automatically receives \$99,955; one-half of the subsidy fund.

United Way Director Parker asked to have a discussion about the 211 Rapid City HELPLine Center. Parker pointed out that although the Center is based in Sioux Falls; the Center will provide information about events and activities in Rapid City, and referral services in Rapid City. Parker indicated that local and state governments will use this service, as will the agencies who receive a subsidy from United Way and/or Rapid City. Parker requested a share of the funds allocated for the Allied Arts; justifying the request, explaining that the Allied Arts will be using the 211 Center to advertise their events and activities. Elkins noted her objection to funding the 211 Call Center because the funds will be taken outside the Rapid City community. Elkins pointed out that the 211 Call Center employs those individuals residing in Sioux Falls. Alderman Johnson suggested that those organizations and agencies using the 211 Call Center should be the ones to fund the 211 program.

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

Allied Arts	Performing or visual arts grants
Big Brothers/Sisters	Support Summer Picnic, Black Hills Excursion, Fall Festival, & Holiday Party
Canyon Lake Senior Center	Support the center by helping to defray some of the cost for activities for the members
CASA	Recruit, train and supervise additional volunteers

Parker noted that children abuse is on the rise and more advocates are needed in the CASA program.

City Wide Halloween Party	Annual City-wide Halloween party @ Civic Center
Community Health Center	Purchase a software system for the Oral Health Clinic that tracks billing/insurance, treatment plans, scheduling, inventory, comprehensive patient dental record
Cornerstone Rescue Mission	Provide operating support for men's and women's shelter programs
Elderly Meals (WSDSS)	Provide a portion of local cash support required to support the program

Habitat for Humanity	Provide assistance and support of six families through the program -- support services, building permits, and engineering/survey fees for new homes
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Support was indicated from members of the Committee to offer assistance for only two homes, rather than six.

Minneluzahan Senior Center	Support programs, activities, maintain the facility and provide nutritional services to the members and non-members
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Rapid City Club for Boys	Use to offset transportation costs to bring latchkey children to the Club
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It was suggested that there may be other funding sources available to the Club for Boys for their transportation program. It was also suggested that the start-up costs of the program may be more than the amount being requested.

Rural America Initiatives	Purchase food, snacks and attendance incentives for after school activities for up to 100 teens from North, South, and General Beadle schools
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Salvation Army	Provide rent and utility assistance to 33 families in need
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Senior Companions	Provide part of the required matching funds for the Corporation for National & Community Service grant -- funds used in part for mileage reimbursement and meal allowance for Senior Companions
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Standing Strong Woman House	Shelter women victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault
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It was pointed out that 95 percent of the program funds are received from the federal government; and the program is operated and located in Mission, SD.

Western Resources for dis-ABLED	Work with individuals, businesses and local governments to remove structural barriers by reviewing blue prints and facilities for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
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It was noted that the intended use is for personnel to review building plans. It was suggested a better intent is to use the requested funding for transportation costs or stipend for those providing the transportation service.

Working Against Violence	Use to operate and maintain the shelter food & supplies, building & vehicle insurance premiums, cleaning & food service support staff
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Youth & Family Service	Provide critical and essential center-based and outreach programs for girls ages 5-17 enrolled in YFS Girls Inc.
Front Porch Coalition	Use for expenses of the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors - cost of cell phones, printing & ordering informational packets, name badges, team members' vests, postage & printing of monthly volunteers schedules
Volunteers of America, Dakotas	Community Service program provides accountability, guidance and support for youth who are assigned community service hours as a diversion from the Juvenile Court system
Wellspring	One-time funding in order to access Medicaid funds for low-income youth and families for the after-school counseling program - Youth Challenge Program
211 Rapid City HELPLine Center	Provide 211 services to citizens -- information, referral and crisis intervention

The following is the 2007 Subsidy Funds as discussed and recommended:

Recommendations:	Allocation
1. Allied Arts	\$ 94,955
2. Big Brothers/Sisters	\$ 4,000
3. Canyon Lake Senior Center	\$ 14,000
4. CASA	\$ 6,000
5. City Wide Halloween Party	\$ 750
6. Community Health Center	\$ 8,000
7. Cornerstone Rescue Mission	\$ 12,000
8. Elderly Meals (WSDSS)	\$ 5,500
9. Habitat for Humanity	\$ 3,500
10. Minneluzahan Senior Center	\$ 21,500
11. Rural America Initiatives	\$ 2,000
12. Salvation Army	\$ 4,205
13. Senior Companions	\$ 1,000
14. Western Resources for dis-ABLED	\$ 2,000
15. Working Against Violence	\$ 6,000
16. Youth & Family Service	\$ 4,500
17. 211 Rapid City HELPLine Center	\$ 10,000
Total Recommendations	\$ 104,955

As there was no further business to come before the Committee at this time, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.