

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 10, 2013 Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 17, 2013

DATE: 11/18/2013

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

FROM: Michael Morris, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

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Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) state grant award

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a \$18,059 grant awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; appropriating the \$18,059 grant in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grants Fund.

PURPOSE:

Appropriation of grant funding to allow for the continuation of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City receives grant funding for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) through Federal and State and local grants and matching funds that must be appropriated each year. This award is year three of a three year contract with the corporation for National and Community Service. The amount of \$18,059 is the States portion of the three year contract. There is no additional local match for this portion.

The RSVP program Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has proven to be exceptionally beneficial to both senior citizens and various public and private agencies in Corpus Christi. RSVP volunteers are individuals 55 years or older who utilize their talents and experience to serve the needs of the community. During a previous grant period (11/15/2013-06/30/14) and fiscal year 2013-2014, 431 enrolled volunteers contributed 47,000 hours through 40+ different non-profit organizations like the, The Women's Shelter, Corpus Christi Food Bank, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center, KEDT TV, Corpus Christi Metro Ministries, and other community based organizations like Mission of Mercy, Corpus Christi Medical Center, USS Lexington, and AARP Chapters, to name a few.

ALTERNATIVES:

Reject the grant award and discontinue the RSVP Program.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate local grant funds.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal, Finance, Budget

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Operating Expense / Revenue

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered /				
Expended Amount				
This item		\$ 18,059		\$ 18,059
BALANCE		\$ 18,059		\$ 18,059

Fund(s): Parks and Recreation Grant Fund

Comments: State grant for FY13.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the grant from the Corporation for National and community Services for the continuation of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Notification of Funds Available