



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Office

FROM: Elizabeth H. Tyler, AICP, City Planner/Director

DATE: August 10, 2006

SUBJECT: **Urban League of Champaign County Funding Request for Summer Youth Program**

Description

The Executive Director of the Urban League of Champaign County (ULCC) recently contacted the City of Urbana and requested that their Social Service grant application for their Summer Youth Employment Program be reconsidered for funding due to the significant benefit that the program would bring to Urbana youth. The amount of the original Urban League Summer Youth Employment Program request was \$15,000. The revised request is for \$8,300 to help provide employability skills, job training and employment opportunities for community high school students from 16 through 18 years of age.

Issues

No Council action is needed at this time. This memorandum is to provide information regarding the request and to advise Council that staff is currently working to identify possible funding sources for this program.

Background

Funds from three different sources are combined to form the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool: (1) City general funds, (2) Cunningham Township funds, and (3) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The regulatory spending restrictions that apply to both the CDBG and Cunningham Township funding do not apply to the city's general funds. The Community Development Block Grant funds allocated in the Annual Action Plan for FY 2006-2007 and Cunningham Township funds have been appropriated to agencies that fall within the eligibility guidelines of those funding sources.

Staff is working to identify funds that could be used for this program from within the City budget. Once funds are identified, an amendment to the FY 2006-2007 City of Urbana and Urbana Home Consortium Annual Action Plan may be required. Another possibility would be that the City budget may need to be amended.

In their original application Urban League of Champaign County requested \$15,000.00 to pay for student and staff salaries. During the Consolidated Social Service funding process, some council members voted to approve Consolidated Social Service funding for all or a portion of the requested amount, however, a majority was not met, consequently the agency was not funded for this program.

Once funding for this program is identified, staff will present the information to Council for appropriate action.

Options

No Council action is requested at this time.

Fiscal Impacts

Depending on the source of available funding, an amendment to the Annual Action Plan for FY 2006-2007 or a budget amendment for the City budget may be necessary to provide the requested funding for the Summer Youth Program.

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