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CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Approve and adopt City of Goodyear Grants Policy

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Christina Panaitescu, Grants & Neighborhood Services Supervisor

OTHER PRESENTER(S): Jenna Goad, Assistant to the City Manager

Summary: It is in the City's interest to pursue grant funding that contributes to the success of the City's strategic and capital improvement plans, and supports the growth and enhancement of our infrastructure, safety, health and prosperity of the City and its citizens. The proposed Goodyear Grants Policy has been developed to provide consistency on how grants are managed as well as to establish a process for the City to serve as a Municipal Sponsor for Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants.

Recommendation:

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2116 APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF GOODYEAR GRANTS POLICY.

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct financial impact associated with establishing this policy.

Entering into grant agreements allows the City to leverage public funds; however, often grants come with specialized requirements and consequences that may have a cost to the City. Staff is encouraged to pursue grant opportunities that support Goodyear's goals, while assuring that possible costs to the City are identified and weighed.

Staff Analysis

Currently, no policy exists to formalize the City's process for pursuing grant funding.

The intent of this policy is to provide consistency by establishing direction on when grant applications or agreements require City Council approval, as well as to establish a process for the City to serve as a Municipal Sponsor for Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants.

As outlined in the policy, approval of the City Council shall be obtained prior to the submittal of a grant application if any of the following apply:

- Grant request is \$75,000 or more
- There is an unbudgeted match obligated by the City
- Application involves funding to pilot new programs or services
- Application involves adding on-going staff positions (full or part-time)
- Grantor requires evidence of public meeting or City Council action with application

The City Manager already has the authority to sign grant agreements less than \$75,000.

When necessitated by time constraints, such as during Council breaks, the policy specifies that conditional mayoral approval of an application may be granted contingent on subsequent Council action.

The policy also specifies that grant agreements must be approved by the Council if the grantor requires an intergovernmental agreement or Council action, or if Council previously approved the grant application but did not simultaneously authorize entering into a grant agreement if awarded.

The Goodyear Grants Policy also outlines a process for the City to serve as a Municipal Sponsor for a non-profit's Prop 202 Indian Gaming Grant application if certain eligibility requirements are met and the application does not directly compete with one being submitted by the City. Currently, there is no process for the City to consider such sponsorship requests. Serving as a Municipal Sponsor will expand grant access for public service organizations serving Goodyear residents. If awarded, the City would serve as a pass-through for the funding but would not be responsible for performance or reporting.

Staff intends to report to the Council twice annually on the number of grants considered, applied for, and received. Staff has also developed a procedural Grants Administration Guidebook that will assist departments in pursuing grant opportunities.

Attachments

Resolution w/Ex. A – City of Goodyear Grants Policy