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Agenda Item No.: 12

Date: April 28, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Rich Buquet, Neighborhood Services Manager

SUBJECT: Escondido Charitable Foundation "Civil Society" Grant and Amendment to FY 2010-2011 One-Year Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council 1.) Adopt Resolution No. 2010-68 approving the submittal of a Civil Society grant proposal to the Escondido Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$25,000; 2.) Authorize staff to receive the grant if awarded; and 3.) Approve a first amendment to the FY 2010-2011 One-Year Action Plan for CDBG allocating \$20,000 in public service funds to use as matching funds for the grant (if awarded).

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The City of Escondido receives annual formula allocations of CDBG program funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All program and program administration expenses are paid with CDBG funds and do not impact the City's general fund.

On March 24, 2010, City Council approved the FY 2010-2011 One-Year Action Plan for CDBG funds based on an estimated allocation of \$1,732,912. On March 30, 2010, the City received its actual CDBG allocation amount of \$1,874,335, which provides an additional \$21,250 in funds that are eligible to use for public service projects. If grant funds are not awarded, the \$20,000 will go into unallocated CDBG funds to be used for future capital projects.

BACKGROUND:

The Escondido Charitable Foundation is in its fourth year of grant making. In the current cycle, covering fiscal year 2010-2011, grants will focus on supporting projects that foster community participation, consensus-building and collective problem solving in the field of children, youth programs and youth education. The grant being applied for is the Foundation's "Civil Society" grant in the amount of \$25,000. Proof of matching funds is recommended for successful grant proposals.


The City of Escondido's grant proposal includes a "Creating Community" project which facilitates training and development for at-risk youth through joint efforts shared by the City's Neighborhood Services Division, Recreation Division, Library, Police Department and the Escondido Education COMPACT. In addition, the Family Intervention Team (F.I.T), a gang prevention/intervention team comprised of collaborative partners, will provide services to identify youth who may be at-risk for

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potential gang involvement. The Turning the Hearts Center, which offers programs for at-risk youth, has also pledged to be a partner.

The "Creating Community" project will include 6-8 week sessions throughout the grant cycle offering recreational opportunities to at-risk youth such as sports, dance and aquatics, in addition to educational components covering leadership development, job readiness skills, life skills, anger management, literacy and goal setting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rich Buquet
Neighborhood Services Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA,
AUTHORIZING THE REQUEST FOR CIVIL
SOCIETY GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
ESCONDIDO CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
FOR A CREATING COMMUNITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Escondido Charitable Foundation is offering grants in the fiscal year 2010-2011 grant cycle focusing on projects that foster community participation, consensus-building and collective problem solving in the field of children, youth programs and youth education; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido desires to engage in a project which facilitates training and development for at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Services recommends the application to the Escondido Charitable Foundation for funds to develop a "Creating Community" project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires at this time, and deems it to be in the best public interest, to authorize staff to submit an application for grant monies during the fiscal year 2010-2011 funding cycle for a Civil Society grant in the amount of \$25,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.
2. That the City Council accepts the recommendation of the Director of

Community Services, and authorizes the submittal of the application for Civil Society grant funds to the Escondido Charitable Foundation for fiscal year 2010-2011, and also authorizes City staff to establish the appropriate budget and disburse the funds if received.