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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM:

Jerry Van Leeuwen, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: USE OF FUNDS FROM SALE OF CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that Council approve distribution of proceeds from the sale of the Center for Community Solutions property to support youth and family programs.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Distribution will increase the following funds:

CDBG:

\$218,282

Share A Dream:

\$160,000

Recreation Reserve:

\$230,718

COUNCIL ACTION PLAN:

This request supports the Council's goal of financial stability.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

On July 14, 2010, the Council approved the sale of the City owned property to the Center for Community Solutions; however no decision was made as to the distribution of the funds.

BACKGROUND:

The property consists of two parcels. One parcel was originally purchased with \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, with an additional \$68,282 in CDGB funds expended on miscellaneous rehabilitation work. Per CDGB regulations, \$218,282 of the \$609,000 purchase price will go back into the CDGB unallocated fund balance to be allocated by Council at a public hearing.

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A second parcel of this property was transferred as a charitable gift to the City, along with an endowment of approximately \$160,000 by the EYE, a not for profit organization providing services for children, youth and families that ceased operations, with the agreement that the property would be used to support youth and families. In keeping with the original gift, \$160,000 of the remaining proceeds from the sale of the property will go to the Share A Dream Scholarship fund, which will recoup the loss of the \$2,000 per month in lease payments that had been coming from the Center for Community Solutions; and the balance of \$230,718 will go to the Recreation Reserve Fund.

Staff is requesting \$230,718 be deposited into the Recreation Reserve to be used to support children and families, consistent with the endowment request. During the past budget process, the Budget Subcommittee requested the Recreation Division work on developing new revenue streams in order to reduce the reliance on the cable franchise fees. In a presentation April 6, 2010, to the subcommittee, staff discussed the need to develop new markets, by creating new programs, as opposed to only raising fees on existing customers. The funds from the sale of the Center for Community Solutions would be used as "venture capital" to help develop these new program markets. Identified opportunities include: a Preschool soccer program, water polo training, and a swim team.

The Recreation Division is working toward a \$200,000 reduction in the Cable franchise fee over the next three years, but needs the "venture capital" in order to develop the new markets and revenue streams.

Respectfully submitted,

ry Van Leeuwen, Director of Community Services



CITY OF ESCONDIDO

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

Date of Request: October 13, 2010				For Finance Use Only Log # Fiscal Year Budget Balances General Fund Accts Revenue Interfund Transfers Fund Balance	
Department: Community Services					
Division: Recreation					
Project/Budget Manager: Robin Bettin 6269 Name Extension Council Date (if applicable): October 13, 2010 (attach copy of staff report)					
Project/Account Description	Account Number		Amount of Increase	Amount of Decrease	
Sale of City Property	4901-116-000		[*] \$218,282		
Share a Dream Scholarship	2109-112-0000		\$160,000		
Sale of City Property	4901-112-000		\$230,718		
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Explanation of Request:					
Proceeds from sale of the Center	for Community Solutions				
end		<u>OVALS</u>			
Department Head	Date 10 - 6 - 10	City Manage		Date	
Finance /	Date	City Clerk		Date	
(/ Distribution (after approval):	Original: Finance				