

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/~~Ord~~ No.: 18719

Sponsor(s): Dennis Waits

Date: February 9, 2015

<p>SUBJECT</p>	<p>Action Requested X Resolution Ordinance</p> <p>Project/Title: <u>An resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the purpose of funding by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for the 2015 fiscal year, for the Westside Community Action Network Center, Inc. program which are engaged in anti-drug prevention and anti-crime reduction activities and purposes, not to exceed \$40,000.00</u></p>														
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<p>PRIOR LEGISLATION</p>	<p>Prior resolutions and (date): Prior resolutions and (date): #18350, January 6, 2014 (\$40,000) ; #18049, January 14, 2013 (\$40,000); #17866, March 19, 2012 (transfer to specific accounts); #17810, February 13, 2012 (\$38,000); #17507, February 14, 2011 (\$10,000); #17474, January 24, 2011 (\$18,000)</p>														
<p>CONTACT INFORMATION</p>	<p>RLA drafted by: Carol Lillis, Office Administrator, 881-1415</p>														
<p>REQUEST SUMMARY</p>	<p>A resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the purpose of funding by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund for the 2015 fiscal year, for the Westside Community Action Network Center, Inc., program which are engaged in anti-drug and anti-violence prevention activities and purposes, not to exceed \$40,000.00</p> <p>Background: The Anti-Drug Sales Tax fund authorizes the County to execute agreements and contracted service for the purpose of providing substance abuse treatment, prevention, grant match, and other anti-drug and anti-crime initiatives in the community.</p> <p>The Westside CAN Center Program is designed to connect residents to services and resources to facilitate their success within the community. In addition, support for the CAN Center allows for proactive engagement of the KCMO Police Department to engage in community problem solving, crime prevention and law enforcement. Efforts to improve the physical environment through the abatement of graffiti, the removal of litter/trash, and debris helps to support pride in the community. The CAN Center also provides for a positive and safe resource</p>														

	<p>within the community and bonds to be developed allowing for the creation of a caring neighborhood. Research has shown that children and adults benefit from participation and membership in strong neighborhoods thereby reducing the negative risk factors that contribute to substance use, abuse and cycles of crime.</p> <p>It is felt that support of this program meets the mission and goal of COMBAT toward the reduction of substance use and abuse and crime within Jackson County and that would be a considerable cost savings to the County. The transfer of funds from Non-Departmental into Prevention allows for better oversight and management of the funds.</p>	
CLEARANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (County Auditor's Office)	
ATTACHMENTS		
REVIEW	Department Director:	Date:
	<i>Stacy Sena</i>	1-28-2015
	Finance (Budget Approval): If applicable <i>Robert S Ball</i>	Date: 2-3-15
	Division Manager: <i>YOB</i>	Date: 2-3-15
	County Counselor's Office:	Date:

Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

- This expenditure was included in the annual budget.
- Funds for this were encumbered from the _____ Fund in _____.
- There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.
- Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance # _____
- Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Account Number:	Account Title:	Amount Not to Exceed:

- This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.
- This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.

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From: Carol Lillis 

Subject: COMBAT RLA Request

COMBAT will be initiating a Request for Legislative Action for fiscal year 2015.

Request to transfer \$40,000 for the funding of the Westside Can Center. These funds were budgeted in Non-Departmental Outside Agency Funding and will be transferred into the COMBAT Prevention department so that they can be managed along with the other community prevention programs. A copy of the summary is attached.

This program has been supported by COMBAT and Jackson County for several years. This action item is included in the 2015 COMBAT budget, approved by the legislature.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Carol A. Lillis

Attachements

- I. Has your program changed since you submitted original RFP for 2014 funding?** Yes No Please briefly but thoroughly describe your program (no more than 500 words). If funded, this will be the program description used by COMBAT. Include the purpose, target population, services/activities to be provided and expected outcome of your program. Be sure to specify whether the program will focus on substance abuse prevention or violence prevention.

Summary:

To realize a violence free Westside community we will have a more engaged and pro-active response to reported incidences of aggression and violence. These reported incident sources include 911 calls, information received from the KCPD officers working evenings and overnight and information received from neighbors and relatives. Engagement includes personal follow up and family-/community-/activities. We will continue and enhance messages to deescalate aggression and encourage non-violent responses through social media (i.e. email, neighborhood e-newsletters Instagram and Facebook) and personal contact (in person and in-classroom contact with middle and high school students attending the schools within our neighborhood boundaries). We will continue to promote educational opportunities sponsored by other entities e.g. AIM FOR PEACE via social media and traditional correspondence. We will address the physical order of the neighborhood and serve as a resource/referral center.

1. In school/class visits by WCAN Officers will occur at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Primitivo Garcia Elementary School Alta Vista Middle and High Charter Schools. During these visits our objective is to educate the children to better understand teasing, bullying and overcoming them with conflict resolution skills. We aim to teach the power of using words constructively and not fists to resolve destructively. We will educate on the consequences of bad decision making, aggression and violence as well as substance abuse. Children need to clearly recognize that it is important (1) to speak and (2), to tell a trusted adult when they witness or experience aggression or violence whether it is in person or via social media. During the summer, the Officers will continue with regular weekly visits to children participating in the Alta Vista and other neighborhood summer programs.

2. We will review 911 service calls weekly to identify incidents of aggression and violence. In

these reviews we will prescribe appropriate engagement with the victims and perpetrators. For example in a domestic dispute there could be a visit from the WCAN Officers and we would provide them a tailored prescription (a resource list) to help them with non-aggressive coping mechanisms and counseling services available, to help ameliorate the triggers of the dispute.

3. WCAN Officers will meet directly with victims to help repair community fabric of trust. The warp, the individual realizing they have support from neighbors and community institutions like the police department. The weave of community institutions realizing they are dependent upon neighborhood and individual support.

4. We recognize that gang involvement can include aggressive or violent actions. Officers will meet with parents/guardians of youth suspected of gang involvement discussing signs of gang behavior and advising them of reporting mechanisms for suspicious or inappropriate behaviors.

5. We will continue to host our bilingual self-help group on Tuesday evenings for those struggling with substance abuse.

6. The Broken Window theory acknowledges physical environment influences behavior, sets community standards, and affects the mental and physical well-being of residents. In keeping with these tenants we will continue to address the physical order of our environment through consistent, tenacious blight abatement. Such abatement includes elimination of litter and graffiti as well as compliant maintenance of private and public properties.

7. We will continue as a resource/referral center. Life stressors are often triggers for aggression, violence and substance abuse. We will provide assistance referrals for utilities, rent, food, counseling, clothing, medications, eye glasses, dental care and Legal Aid. Our free resources include use of a telephone and fax for local calls and photo copies for community services or for mandated reporting.

8. We recognize the vital nature of constructive, multi-generational experiences within the family and in the community. As in the past we will continue and build upon these activities (i.e. campout, seasonal festivals, pool parties, Back To School Pep Rally, etc.) In-class visits by WCAN Officers will occur at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Primitivo Garcia Elementary School Alta Vista Middle and HighCharter Schools

9. In our community the WCAN Center has established the community norm whereby the residents become aware and act upon social media or direct communication from the WCAN Center. We will use these same communication tools to educate our community on the negative

effects of aggression and violence consequently they can be more deliberate in defeating those behavior and continue to educate on the effects of substance abuse.

10. The WCAN has enabled the community to lower its tolerance level/ raise its standards for litter and blighted properties. Similarly, the WCAN will enable the community to lower its tolerance for aggression and violence. In the short term we expect to see an increase in the reporting of violence, thereby giving us the opportunities to educate/guide both victims and offenders to appropriate counseling or resources. The COMBAT "Stand Up/Speak Out Don't Look The Other Way" message will continue to be a strong,useful message.

II. Please list up to 3 specific objectives of your program.

Objectives:

1. To create a caring neighborhood community that offers a quality of life that nurtures residents, enabling them to reach their full potential.
2. To educate the children to better understand teasing, bullying and overcoming them with conflict resolution skills. We aim to teach the power of using words constructively and not fists to resolve destructively. We will educate on the consequences of bad decision making, aggression and violence as well as substance abuse.
3. To promote multi-generational experiences within the family and in the community by engaging the community in the planning, implementation and evaluation of family/community activities such as campout, seasonal festivals, pool parties, Back To School Pep Rally, etc

Have they changed? Yes No

III. When will your COMBAT program be offered? Check all that apply.