



# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Finance Committee  
**From:** Rich Olson, City Manager  
**Date:** September 17, 2013  
**Re:** Consideration – Community Support Grant Awards for FY 2013-2014

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***BACKGROUND:***

On September 16, 2013, the City Council Finance Committee and other members of the City Council heard presentations from the groups requesting Community Support Grants. City staff has attached a spreadsheet, which indicates how much each group is requesting and how much funding they have received in the past (if any).

Once a consensus has been reached by the Finance Committee on how much each group should receive. Staff will write a memo to the Council indicating the Finance Committee's recommendations.

***ANALYSIS:***

The following is a synopsis of the applications received:

**Family Enterprises**

The intent of Family Enterprises is to promote children's literature, educational opportunities, and self-help and motivational literature for adults. By providing funding to the organization, the funds would be utilized to enhance child literacy and motivate childhood development. Funds received would also be utilized to finance the purchase of book publishing and printing of a series authored by the group's founder, as well as flashcards for children, a laptop computer, and other miscellaneous items needed to achieve their goal of child literacy. The organization has not received funding in the past, and is requesting \$6,000 from the City.

**National Council of Negro Women, Inc.**

The purpose of the organization is to address the needs of women via programs that will positively impact the community in which they reside. The intent of the organization is to assist, lead, develop and advocate for women of African American descent and women of other cultures as they strive to support themselves, their families, and their community. The organization offers programs which provide strategies and tools for low income women living in Garden of Hope Emergency Shelter in order to secure

employment, and offers the NCNW Boutique which provides free career clothing to women residing in shelters, or who are low-income or college students. The organization received funding in FY 12-13 in the amount of \$1,500, and is currently requesting \$1,500.

### **Pasquotank County Library**

The Pasquotank County Library's purpose is to provide access to informational, educational, and cultural library materials and services in print and electronic forms, as well as uphold the public's freedom of access to information. The library provides traditional lending services, outreach services, educational enrichment activities, and cultural events. The library maintains its commitment to ensuring that library services are available to all citizens. The facility has received funding in the amount of \$1,000 in FY 10-11, \$1,000 in FY 11-12, and \$1,500 in FY 12-13, and is currently requesting \$900 for the purchase of E-books for children and adults.

### **Food Bank of the Albemarle**

The mission of the Food Bank of the Albemarle is to fight hunger and poverty in Northeastern North Carolina, by providing food assistance to the hungry citizens within their 15 county service areas, for the ultimate goal of hunger-free communities. In service for 31 years, the Food Bank of the Albemarle works with local partners such as Food Lion, Wal-Mart and Farm Fresh to pick up surplus perishable food for distribution, and also works in conjunction with the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank School System to provide snacks for the Extra Afterschool Enrichment program in seven schools. The agency has received past funding, totaling \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, \$6,000 for FY 11-12, and \$7,500 for FY 12-13.

### **SPCA of NENC**

The SPCA of NENC serves to house and care for the neglected, displaced, lost, abused and discarded animals of the Pasquotank and Camden area. As an open admission animal shelter, all animals brought to the facility are given refuge, regardless of breed or condition of the animal. They operate as the sole animal shelter serving both counties, and provide many invaluable services to the community, including low cost spay and neuter clinics to prevent pet overpopulation, low-cost rabies clinics, and offer a Seniors for Seniors program which gives reduced adoption rates for senior citizens wishing to adopt senior animals. The organization is in the process of raising funds to renovate a 6,000 square foot facility for a new animal care facility. USDA Rural Development loans in the amount of \$526,000 have been secured as well as a grant in the amount of \$24,000. The total cost of the renovations total \$881,000. \$238,000 has been raised to bridge the gap of required matching funding (\$331,000 is required), and the organization is \$93,000 short of reaching their goal. The organization has received no funding from the City in previous years. They are requesting \$15,000 from the City to renovate the structure and meet their match requirement.

### **Albemarle Hospital Foundation**

The Albemarle Hospital Foundation believes that all people should have access to quality healthcare. They strive to improve the quality of life of citizens by providing primary care and pharmacy services to the indigent, uninsured and underinsured 15,000 persons within the seven county service areas. The Community Care Clinic provides unduplicated services that is currently unavailable from public health and provides

access to primary care, health maintenance, a complete dispensing pharmacy, case management for chronic diseases and nutrition counseling. Funds received from this request will support operations of the Elizabeth City Community Care Clinic which will provide primary care and prescriptions to the uninsured, low income adults. The organization is requesting \$10,000, and received \$10,000 in FY 10-11.

### **Port Discover**

The mission of Port Discover is to enhance youth science understanding via interactive and engaging afterschool exhibits. The organization develops hands-on science programs for children and their families to experience and gain knowledge, and encourages children to explore the world in which they live. Additionally, the organization serves as a bridge between the citizens of Northeastern North Carolina and scientific faculty at the College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City State University, health professionals at Albemarle Hospital, as well as other local scientists. The science center is free to the community, and continues to maintain its focus on the underserved children in Elizabeth City. Previous funding amounts were \$5,000 in FY 10-11, \$5,000 for FY 11-12, and \$6,000 for FY 12-13. They are currently requesting \$12,000.

### **American Legion Post 84**

The American Legion Post 84 supports Veterans and their families during and after their military service, by offering transportation to and from medical appointments, provides support for families of deceased veterans during bereavement, sponsors the American Legion Baseball team for local youth, among many other various services. In the past three years, the American Legion has provided funds for two American Legion Baseball Teams, one junior and one senior youth team. With the assistance from the City, the organization will provide the participants and their families by purchasing new equipment, payment of league and umpire fees, and insurance costs. The organization received funding in FY 12-13 in the amount of \$1,000, and is requesting the same amount for this fiscal year.

### **Albemarle Family YMCA**

The purpose of the Albemarle Family YMCA is to place Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that construct healthy minds, bodies, and spirits for all. Open to all people regardless of religious preference or financial circumstances, the facility never turns away a person wishing to participate. The YMCA is dedicated to helping Elizabeth City's citizens lead healthier lives, and combat chronic disease, obesity, and drowning, which have become defining issues within the community. Funds received through the Community Support Grant would provide partial funding for the All Kids Swim program. The organization received funding in the amount of \$1,500 during Fiscal Year 12-13.

### **Kids First, Inc.**

Kids First, Inc. provides services to child abuse victims in the Albemarle area for over 20 years. As a nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center, they provide on-site medical evaluations by a pediatric specialist, forensic interviews by specialists, therapy services, as well as many other invaluable services at absolutely no cost to victims' families. In the past year, 32 children were served, including 10 medical evaluations (a mandated service to abused children). The agency was awarded \$6,000 in funding during FY 12-13.

### **River City CDC**

River City CDC has been in operation for 23 years, and is a non-profit corporation designed to strengthen communities by providing programs and initiatives that provide affordable housing, economic and workforce development, health and wellness, cultural awareness and youth empowerment. They offer their *River City YouthBuild/AmeriCorps* program, which serves at-risk young adults, who have dropped out of school and desire to make a positive change in the direction of their lives. The young adults are offered employment and community service opportunities, and many continue to enter post-secondary education. Previous funding in recent years was \$3,500 in FY 10-11, \$1,500 in FY 11-12, and \$2,500 for FY 12-13. The organization is requesting \$5,000 this FY.

### **City of Elizabeth City/SOULS Feeding**

The SOULS feeding program provides a daily hot meal to the homeless and indigent population within the City, in cooperation with area churches and volunteers. The City of Elizabeth City is seeking funding on behalf of the program in the amount of \$2,500 to pay for utility costs in its new location (Old City Fire Station on Elizabeth Street). The Council approved the use of this facility for SOULS for a one-year period ending September 15, 2014. The organization received funding assistance in FY 12-13 in the amount of \$2,500.

### ***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

As directed by the Finance Committee.

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