

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-106
MARCH 23, 1998 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**GRANT APPLICATION FOR
WEED AND SEED FUNDS**

SUBMITTED BY:

**JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

SYNOPSIS –

Approval and authorization of grant application for \$175,000 in Executive Office for Weed and Seed (EOWS) funds.

FISCAL IMPACT –

EOWS funds in the amount of \$175,000 for Weed and Seed activities.

RECOMMENDATION –

To approve grant application and authorize submission.

BACKGROUND –

In September 1996, the City submitted an application to be designated a Weed and Seed Site, and in February 1996, was notified a portion of the City had been designated a Weed and Seed Site.

On March 5, 1998, the Enterprise Community Steering Committee recommended the application to City Council for approval. Included in the EOWS application are two categories of requests:

Category One S Special Emphasis Funding \$50,000

Community Empowerment

Vista worker will coordinate series of monthly “ Institute” or workshops \$17,500

that focus on topics, and assist the associations to build capacity.

Mentoring

This program proposes to coordinate and enhance mentoring programs \$32,500 already operating in the area and to establish additional mentoring opportunities as necessary.

Category Two S EOWS Funds \$125,000

Major EOWS activities include:

Administrative costs for the City \$17,047

Contracts

Assistant Weed and Seed Coordinator \$30,000

Tutoring \$10,000

Summer Camp Scholarships (Grubb YMCA) \$10,000

Part-time and off-duty police officers for the Grubb YMCA \$50,000
Safe Haven to assure safety of the site and interact with youth participating in activities at the Safe Haven

Safe Haven Enrichment Activities \$6,000

Supplies \$1,953

The City will be applying for an additional \$100,000 in Asset Forfeiture Funds. This application will come before the City Council at a later date. The Asset Forfeiture Application requires that a joint law enforcement operation between the Police Department and a federal law enforcement agency be developed for the Weed and Seed area. This joint operation is still being developed but is a part of this application for funds.

Upon review, City staff agrees with the recommendation and supports the grant application.