

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**03-302**

**AGENDA:**

JUNE 23, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

ACCEPTANCE OF  
CONTRIBUTIONS  
AND GRANT FOR  
OPERATION OF  
EVELYN K. DAVIS  
SUMMER DAY CAMP  
PROGRAM

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

**ITEM 63**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**SYNOPSIS —**

Acceptance of a combined contribution of \$20,000 from the Des Moines Park and Recreation Foundation, Mary Nelson Foundation and the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation and to direct Des Moines Park and Recreation staff to sign a letter of acknowledgement.

Acceptance of United Way of Central Iowa/Prairie Meadows 2003 Operation Summertime Grant in the amount of \$7,120 to be used for the Evelyn K. Davis Summer Day Camp Program and ratification of grant agreement

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

\$27,120 to be used for the Evelyn K. Davis Summer Day Camp Program toward wages of Junior Counselors and general operational expenses.  
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**RECOMMENDATION —**

**To accept the grant and contributions for operation of Evelyn K. Davis Summer Day Camp Program. Execute all agreements and acknowledgements regarding grant and contributions.**

**BACKGROUND —**

Since 1993, the Evelyn K. Davis Summer Day Camp Program has served over 1,100 youth from 5 – 18 years of age. Typically, 100 youth from the Enterprise Community attend the Day Camp on an annual basis. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe haven for learning, positive interaction, and enrichment activities which will enhance opportunities to increase self-esteem and encourage positive peer and counselor relations.

Cost for the Evelyn K. Davis Summer Day Camp Program for the summer of 2003 is budgeted at \$63,420, including \$20,000 from private foundations and \$7,120 in grants as outlined in this communication, \$10,000 through the AmeriCorps Program, \$9,100 in security provided by the City and \$17,200 of in-kind support from several cooperating Agencies.

AmeriCorps members and junior counselors provide structured activities from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for a nine-week period. This program employs youth ages 14-18 offering valuable management and leadership experience for

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these at-risk youth.

The previous funding source for the 15 junior counselors was the Iowa Comprehensive Human Services Summer Youth Employment Program. The federal dollars administered by Polk County were eliminated. The Des Moines Park and Recreation Department received notification on May 27, 2003.

The Summertime Grant Program was last available to staff in 2000 and was reactivated in April 2003. Staff received notification and quickly responded to the announcement of the grant opportunity to meet the April 28 deadline with a \$10,000 request. A grant was awarded in the amount of \$7,120 on June 5, 2003. Grant dollars are used for general camp expenses including field trips and supply expenses.

At this time, staff is recommending that the City Council ratify and confirm the grant agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the said grant, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk. Staff will present a final report of this grant activity by September 30, 2003 in compliance with the agreement.

