

Minutes
Grants & Funding Committee
February 5, 2019 at 10:00 am
Town Hall - Council Chambers
510 N. Coronado Blvd. Clifton, AZ 85533

Members Present:

Barbara Ahmann, Chairman

Tony Ortega, Committee Member*

Austin Adams, Committee Member

*Excused

Also present was Interim Town Manager, Espie Castaneda, Omar Negrete, Chief of Police, Dr. Woodall, Superintendent-Morenci Unified School District, Ray and Jeanette West, BACCA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Ahmann followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

Discussion and/or action to consider grant applications for recommendation and approval from the Clifton Town Council:

A. Morenci Unified School District/Town of Clifton – School Resource Officer:

Chairman Ahmann reported that the concept of this proposed grant had been presented to two appointed members of the Town Council which included herself and Council member Freida by both Dr. Woodall and Chief Negrete. She explained that because of the town's involvement in the scope of the grant, Dr. Woodall and the Chief were referred to the Grants Committee for their recommendation to the Town Council.

Dr. Woodall explained that he is applying for grant funding through United Way of Graham & Greenlee Counties. He has been working on the grant application which seeks funding for a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO). Although the SRO would be assigned to work at the school, he/she would be available to the Clifton Police Department in emergencies and when school is not in session. The proposed budget includes funding covering a three-year commitment for Salary and Benefits; Capital Expenses (vehicle & equipment). After a three-year commitment, the town would be completely funded by the local entities.

Chief Negrete also mentioned that the grant application would need to include a letter of support from the town.

Motion by Chairman Ahmann and second by Member Adams to recommend the town's participation in the United Way Grant application as submitted by Morenci Unified School District. Motion carried.

B. Chase Creek Underground Electric Project – BACCA: Members of the Grants Committee were provided with a draft version of the proposed grant application for submission to United Way of Graham & Greenlee Counties as prepared by Jeanette and Ray West on behalf

of the Town of Clifton. They explained that the proposed project seeks funding to obtain the services of an engineering firm to design a site plan and construction documents for enhanced pedestrian lighting on Chase Creek Street.

The West's explained that there would be no obligation/commitment from the town during this phase of the project if funded. Suggestions from the Grants Committee included whether sufficient funding was allocated for expenses that might include legal review and advertising during the procurement process. Other suggestions included adding information on the second phase of this project which is the construction portion. Although this application does not include funding for the construction phase of this project, it is beneficial to provide a cost estimate and plans to implement the design phase as requested in this grant application.

Prior to formalizing a recommendation, Committee Member Adams requested that the West's incorporate the suggestions as discussed and provide the committee with a revised grant application for their review prior to the Town Council's Regular Meeting where a final recommendation will be made.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.