City of Aliso Viejo

Agenda Item

DATE: November 15, 2017
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Gracie Duran, Community Services Supervisor
       Stephanie Brown, Community Services Manager
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PROMOTIONAL GRANT FROM OAK GROVE FOUNDATION FOR TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP CEDAR CREST RUN BY EMERALD COVE OUTDOOR SCIENCE INSTITUTE.

Recommendation:

Approve the request for Community Promotional Grant in the amount of $1,000 payable to Oak Grove Foundation, on behalf of Oak Grove Elementary School, in support of the 5th grade students' participation in the 2018 Science Camp.

Fiscal Impact:

The City of Aliso Viejo budgeted $5,000 in FY 2017/18 for the Community Promotional Grant Program. Approval of the grant request will leave a balance of $4,000 for the remainder of FY 2017-18.

Background:

The City Council guidelines for the Community Promotional Grant program were established by Resolution 2005-056, with the intent to provide partial funding to non-profit and civic organizations for their programs or activities that promote the City of Aliso Viejo. The policy stipulates that funding will only apply to the direct expenses of those individuals who are actual residents of the City of Aliso Viejo.

Discussion:

The students, including 120 Aliso Viejo residents, that will attend science camp May 1-4, 2018, at Camp Cedar Crest in Green Valley Lake are all in the 5th grade at Oak Grove Elementary School. Each student is required to raise $425 to cover the costs of camp, room, food, supplies, safety equipment, teacher stipend, and transportation.
In total, 4 buses are required to transport students from Aliso Viejo to Green Valley Lake which costs between $6,000 - $7,000. Funding from the City would be applied toward transportation costs and offset fees for students that cannot afford them.

Camp Cedar Crest, run by Emerald Cove Outdoor Science Institute, is in the San Bernardino Mountains. Emerald Cove Outdoor Science Institute was established in 1972. Emerald Cove Camps (ECC) was among the first to create outdoor adventure programs designed to shape the “whole child.” As an American Camp Association (ACA)-accredited camp, the ECC leadership brings more than 100 years of collective experience in outdoor education, youth development and adventure camping to the programs it offers. Trained, experienced staff have long been the hallmark of ECC with tens of thousands of campers served.

The Emerald Cove Outdoor Science Institute’s mission is to grow the knowledge, skills, character and relationships of 5th grade students through purposeful, hands-on science education – all set within a unique outdoor classroom environment.

This will be a meaningful educational experience for the students of Oak Grove Elementary School. Staff recommends supporting the Oak Grove Elementary School 5th grade students’ attendance at Camp Cedar Crest through providing a Community Promotional Grant in the amount of $1,000 for verified transportation costs.

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October 26, 2017

City of Aliso Viejo
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RE: Grant Funding for Travel Expenditures on Community Promotional Activities
Res. No. 2005-056
Policy No. 100-5

Dear Community Services Manager:

The Oak Grove Foundation (non-profit Tax id# 93-1214345) would respectfully like to request $1,000 funding for partial reimbursement of travel expenditures for the 5th Grade Science Camp at Oak Grove Elementary School located in Aliso Viejo. Approximately 120 Aliso Viejo resident students will be attending a Science Camp at Camp Cedar Crest in Green Valley Lake from May 1-4, 2018. The Science camp experience is run by Emerald Cove Outdoor Science Institute (ECOS Institute) and is located in the San Bernardino Mountains. Students hike established trails, investigate geological features, observe wildlife and compare plants.

The cost for each child is $425. Student fees pay for lease of the site, food, staff salaries, transportation costs and insurance. But not all students can afford the student fees so the Oak Grove Foundation is tasked with fund raising efforts to insure all Oak Grove Elementary 5th grade students have the opportunity to experience an awareness and appreciation of the environment and learn that choices they make can have a positive effect on their world.

Our round trip transportation costs vary from $6,000-$7,000 for the transport from Aliso Viejo to Green Valley Lake for the 4 buses. Any amount of partial funding would be greatly appreciated. If approved, we will provide original receipts related to this program once completed. Thank you for your consideration and looking forward to your response to our request. If you have any questions I can be reached at (949)-309-8467 or Liz Carbello (714) 222-7282.

Sincerely,

Lata Guia/Liz Carbello
Oak Grove Elementary 5th Grade Science Camp committee