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October 4, 2021

To: Mayor and Council
From: Cindy Robbins
Subject: Request for Permission to Apply for Non-Matching Grant

The City of Nixa Administration Department is asking for your consideration this evening for a resolution granting permission to apply for and, if awarded, accept a grant from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. The Ozarks Inclusive Opportunity Grant Program FY22 is open, and the City Clerk's Office would like to ask for a \$2000.00 grant for supplies for 2022 L.E.A.D. Nixa community events and listening sessions.

On September 22, 2021, Nixa held its first L.E.A.D. Nixa-Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Listening session at the XCenter. The event was part an action plan that originated out of the Council-adopted Nixa Strategic Plan. As you know, the turnout for the listening session was amazing and at the conclusion of the meeting, it was agreed that more events are wanted and needed in the community. When Council adopted the city's budget for 2021, no money was allocated for diversity, equity, and inclusion projects so luckily at the last event, the facilitator volunteered his time, and the refreshments were donated. However, in order to continue having community events or listening sessions, funding is needed.

To continue the momentum of the first listening session, it is imperative to continue our efforts to ensure our community members are welcomed, included and supported. I am currently working on scheduling a second listening session in February 2022 at the XCenter gym and have ideas for a multi-cultural event later in the year. I would also like to look at purchasing t-shirts and bracelets to promote L.E.A. D Nixa and the diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative. It is my hope that the \$2000.00 requested for a grant from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks would cover these needed supplies.

Please let me know if you have any questions for this request.

Respectfully,
Cindy Robbins

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT AN OZARKS INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE OZARKS TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S LISTEN ENCOURAGE ADVOCATE & DEMONSTRATE INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS the Community Foundation of the Ozarks provides grant funding through its Ozarks Inclusive Opportunity Grant Program; and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to apply for said grant funding to support the Listen Encourage Advocate & Demonstrate Initiative ("L.E.A.D."); and

WHEREAS the City Council wishes to authorize the City Administrator to apply for and accept up to \$2,000.00 in grant funding for the purposes described in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NIXA, AS FOLLOWS, THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to apply for and accept an Inclusive Opportunity grant in an amount up to \$2,000.00 from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks to support the City's L.E.A.D. initiative. The City Administrator is authorized to do all things necessary or convenient to apply for and accept said funding and to carry out the terms of this Resolution, including the execution of documents required to obtain said funding.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage by the City Council and after its approval by the Mayor, subject to the provisions of section 3.11(g) of the City Charter.

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