

Request for City Council Action

Date: February 12, 2013

Agenda Section: General Business No. 5	Originating Department: Office of the City Manager			
Item: Consideration of Community and Economic Development Organization Funding Requests No. 5.1	Approved:			
<p>Background and Summary:</p> <p>In preparation for the FY 2014 budget process, City staff requested proposals from the agencies and organizations that received funding during FY 2013. Staff have reviewed the funding requests submitted by the agencies and organizations and attached a brief outline of each agency /organization and the proposed use of funds. The City did not request proposals from any agencies that did not receive funding in FY 2013.</p> <p>Staff received two unsolicited requests for funding: Attucks Community Services in the amount of \$153,883 and Varsity Center for the Arts in the amount of \$30,000.</p> <p>The funding request from the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau will be addressed separately at the March 5, 2013 City Council Meeting.</p> <p>FY 2014 Funding requests received include:</p> <p>Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale: The mission of The Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale is to inspire and enable all young people, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. All Boys & Girls Clubs offer programs in five core program areas: Character and Leadership Development; Education and Career Development; Health and Life Skills; the Arts and Sports, Fitness and Recreation. The Boys and Girls Club is requesting funding in the amount of \$32,000 to support its programs. The FY 2013 funding level for the Boys and Girls Club was \$30,000.</p> <p>Carbondale Community Arts: Carbondale Community Arts supports cultural events and organizations in the Carbondale community. Carbondale Community Arts also provides contractual art and cultural services to the City. Included in Carbondale Community Arts funding application is \$1,800 for the Southern Illinois Irish Festival and \$7,200 for the African American Museum of Southern Illinois. Carbondale Community Arts is requesting funding in the amount of \$48,000 to support its programs.</p>				
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Carbondale Main Street: The City has contracted with Carbondale Main Street, Inc. to provide Downtown promotional services to the City. Carbondale Main Street's funding request is for specific activities that promote Downtown Carbondale. These include Promotional Events and Activities with Downtown Businesses, Downtown Promotional Materials, Downtown Art and Wine Fairs, Safe Halloween Events, Main Street Walking Tours, Community Friday Night Fairs on the Square, Brown Bag Concerts, and Meet Me on Main Street and many others. Carbondale Main Street is requesting funding in the amount of \$12,000 to support its programs.

Good Samaritan Ministries: The mission of Good Samaritan Ministries is "to provide short term housing, food, counseling, and other services needed to assist homeless, transient, low income individuals and families who do not have adequate current resources for obtaining proper living arrangements consistent with their needs." The organization operates a homeless shelter, soup kitchen, food bank, and transitional housing. In addition to providing services to the homeless, it provides assistance to persons to prevent them from becoming homeless. Good Samaritan Ministries is requesting funding in the amount of \$18,500 to support its programs.

The Science Center: The mission of the Science Center is to strive to promote a better understanding and appreciation of the basic concepts of science through hands-on experiences, directed toward children ages 3 to 13 and their families. The facility provides a hands on Children's Museum, a gift store, science programs and camps, after school programs and other community outreach programs. The Science Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000 to support its programs.

Senior Adult Services: Senior Adult Services provides a wide range of activities for senior citizens in Carbondale. Services provided include transportation, adult day care, meals, outreach, information and assistance. Senior Adult Services is requesting funding in the amount of \$33,750 to support its programs.

The H Group - Youth Program: The Youth Service Program provides crisis intervention, counseling, and court diversion for the community's youth. The Big Brothers/Big Sisters project is also funded through this program. The H Group is requesting funding in the amount of \$12,500 to support its programs.

The Women's Center: The Women's Center provides a wide range of services. The City's funding is primarily related to the operation of the shelter for women (and their children) who have been subject to domestic abuse and to providing assistance to women who are victims of domestic violence. The Women's Center is requesting funding in the amount of \$12,500 to support its programs.

I Can Read of Southern Illinois: This program provides one-on-one and small group reading assistance to any child in kindergarten through fifth grade in the City of Carbondale who is potentially at risk of academic failure due to low reading test scores. Special attention in FY 2013 will be given to students enrolled in Carbondale Elementary School District No. 95 that are in the sub-group that is not meeting adequate yearly progress. The intent of the program is to increase the reading skill level of each participant and to raise them above the basic skill level for their individual age group. I Can Read of Southern Illinois is requesting funding in the amount of \$9,900 to support its programs.

Spirit of Attucks: The Spirit of Attucks Community Celebration is an annual event (July 4th weekend) that includes former students that have gone to school in Carbondale and the surrounding areas. This event promotes tourism and helps to generate revenue for the entire weekend for the City of Carbondale. The Spirit of Attucks is requesting \$1,000 to support this event in FY 2014.

The following organizations are funded annually but are not required to submit funding proposals:

Jackson County Mass Transit: Jackson County Mass Transit provides transportation for the general public residing in Jackson County. They transport clients to doctors' appointments, hospitals, human services organizations, state agencies, work, school and events for seniors. Jackson County Mass Transit is received funding in the amount of \$5,000 in FY 2013.

Saluki Express: The City of Carbondale has a cooperative agreement with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC) to provide for bus service. The bus services includes a route from the Student Center on the SIUC campus to the downtown business district, the University Mall, Wal-Mart, Murdale Shopping Center and other locations. SIUC allows citizens of the community to utilize the bus service. Saluki Express received funding in the amount of \$14,045 for FY 2013.

SIUC Student Programming Council - Sunset Concerts: The City of Carbondale is one of the sponsors of the annual Sunset Concert Series occurring during the months of June and July each summer. The concerts provide Carbondale community members with a unique social and cultural outlet during the summer months when fewer people reside in Carbondale. The concerts serve as a generator of business for area merchants and provide positive public images in the media. Sunset Concerts Series received funding in the amount of \$7,000 in FY 2013.

The City received two unsolicited requests for funding:

Attucks Community Services: Attucks Community Services provides youth and community services to Carbondale residents in targeted communities. Youth programs include an after school tutorial program and other programs that focus on education and training opportunities that promote positive growth and development and positive self esteem and equip youth with the necessary tools to deal with negative peer pressure. Community programs include the Community Health Initiative, community service program, community gardening programs, and programs aimed at providing empowerment and educational activities to reduce incidents of youth alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, gang violence and others. The Attucks Community Services Board is requesting funding in the amount of \$153,883 to support its programs.

Varsity Center for the Arts: The Varsity Center for the Arts has been plagued with storm water flooding and sanitary sewage backup in various parts of the building during large storm events that have occurred at their location on five separate occasions since opening of the facility. Costs for cleaning up after each occurrence are substantial when factoring in loss of revenue for having to close the facility during cleanup. Varsity Center for the Arts is requesting funding to assist with the cost of repairs from sewer backup damage to the property and to replace drains in both theaters and install a protective seal on the front lobby doors to protect the building from future water damage. Funding in the amount of \$30,000 is requested from the FY 2014 Budget.

Recommended action:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss the proposals received from community and economic development organizations requesting funding in FY 2014.

There will be no action taken at this meeting. Final action will be taken in April as part of the FY 2014 budget approval process.

The Following Organizations Were Requested to Submit Funding Proposals:	Requested FY14 Amount	Staff Recommendation
Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale	\$32,000	\$30,000
Carbondale Community Arts	\$48,000	\$48,000
Carbondale Main Street	\$12,000	\$12,000
Good Samaritan Ministries	\$18,500	\$18,500
The Science Center	\$10,000	\$10,000
Senior Adult Services	\$33,750	\$33,750
The H Group - Youth Program	\$12,500	\$12,500
The Women's Center	\$12,500	\$12,500
I Can Read of Southern Illinois	\$9,900	\$9,900
Spirit of Attucks	\$1,000	\$1,000
The Following Organizations are Funded Annually But Not Required to Submit Proposals:	FY 2013 Funding Level	Staff Recommendation
Jackson County Mass Transit	\$5,000	\$5,000
Saluki Express	\$14,045	\$14,045
SIUC Student Programming Council – Sunset Concerts	\$7,000	\$7,000
The Following Unsolicited Requests for Funding Were Received:	Requested FY 14 Amount	Staff Recommendation
Attucks Community Services	\$153,883	0
Varsity Center for the Arts	\$30,000	0