THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: November 10, 2020

Subject: Grant application and funds to support the Recreate and Educate Program

Staff Resource(s): Roderick Simmons, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Kim Kennedy, Recreation Facility Manager

Action Requested: Approval of a resolution to apply for and accept funds from the NC Alliance of YMCA's Remote Learning Site Grant; and adopt a budget amendment in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $431,338 to fund the Recreate and Educate Program.

Background:

- The NC Alliance of YMCA's are responsible for the distribution of federal CARES Act relief funding to agencies providing remote learning sites as appropriated through HB 1105, Coronavirus Relief Act 3.0.
- On October 19, 2020, the NC Alliance of YMCA'S announced that 116 organizations statewide with 287 remote learning sites have been approved for the remote learning site grant.
- Together these organizations will serve about 14,000 students across the state.
- Per the legislation, the NC Alliance of YMCAs, with the YMCA of the Triangle as its fiscal agent, is administering the grant program that enables NC YMCAs, YWCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs, county and municipal parks and recreation departments, and qualifying CBOs in North Carolina to apply for funding to facilitate remote learning opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The City of Asheville has an opportunity to apply for the reimbursement grant to cover expenses related to the planning and providing of remote learning support between September to December, as this support is only being provided because of COVID-19.
- Reimbursable expenses to operate the remote learning sites from September to December are $431,338.

Council Goal(s):

- Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Reimbursement of funds to support the Recreate and Educate program during COVID-19

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Reimbursement of $431,338 from the NC Alliance of YMCAs to facilitate remote learning opportunities.
- There is no required City match for this grant.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, and accept funding from the NC Alliance of YMCA the grant and a budget ordinance amendment in the Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $431,338 to fund the Recreate and Educate Program.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Budget Ordinance Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE NC ALLIANCE OF YMCA's REMOTE LEARNING SITE GRANTS

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-17.1 to apply for and receive grants from state and federal government and to enter into contracts for the administration of said grants; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks and Recreation Department has an opportunity to apply for a reimbursement grant from the NC Alliance of YMCA's to cover expenses related to the planning and providing of remote learning support, the Recreate and Educate Program, between September to December, that was developed and provided in response to COVID-19 to provide a safe and clean environment for students who are learning remotely; and

WHEREAS, the City has or will have expended approximately $431,338.00 between September 2020 and December 2020 in order to operate the remote learning sites and hopes to get reimbursement of these costs from the grant program; and

WHEREAS, seeking this grant assistance aligns with the City Council's 2036 vision which states, "We pride ourselves on building and growing partnerships – with regional and state governments, nonprofits, the private sector, and neighborhood associations.";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply for funding from The NC Alliance of YMCAs remote learning site grants and to execute any documents necessary to accept the grant funds if awarded.

Read, approved and adopted this the 10th day of November, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $431,338 to accept a grant from The NC Alliance of YMCAs remote learning site grants as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Federal Grant	$431,338
Total Revenues	$431,338

Appropriations:

Personnel Expenses	$209,553
Contracted Services	$131,935
Supplies	$37,250
Machinery & Equipment	$52,600
Total Appropriations	$431,338

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 10th day of November, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney