



Legislation Text

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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

FROM: Jonathan R. Lewis, ICMA-CM, City Manager

TITLE: Discussion and possible action regarding the awarding of funds from the Special Event Assistance Program to the United Way South Sarasota County (UWSSC) in the amount of \$85.00 to cover the cost of renting the Dallas White Park Pavilion.

Recommended Action

Approve the United Way South Sarasota County (UWSSC) request for funding assistance through the Special Event Assistance Program in the amount of \$85.00 to cover the cost of renting the Dallas White Park Pavilion.

Background Information

The Special Event Assistance Program was adopted by City Commission on November 25, 2013. The purpose of the program is to provide funds toward the cost of City fees/resources for events held within the City of North Port that provides a benefit to residents or businesses.

Since the program implementation, many special event clinics were held to educate the public on the special event permitting process and the special event assistance program.

The City has received a request for financial assistance from the United Way South Sarasota County during the fourth quarter application period (October 1st to December 31st) for their annual charity walk. The event is scheduled to be held on March 18, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

As stated by the applicant, "This annual charity walk is held to support and benefit North Port's non-profit community agencies while showcasing the services available to all North Port residents through these agencies."

The United Way South Sarasota County was previously awarded funding in the amount of \$125.00 by Commission in 2015. However, the applicant had partnered with the Sweet Heats BBQ bash and no longer needed the funds for the park rental fees. The United Way formally withdrew their request and the money was returned to the City's budget account for Community Assistance.

The Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting of October 25, 2016, awarded the North Port Relay for Life \$1,000.00 for their inaugural event.

If the United Way South Sarasota County request is approved by Commission, they will be the second recipient of funds awarded since the program's inception in 2013.

Strategic Plan

Goals: Financially Responsible City Providing Quality Municipal Services

Community Add On: Support Community Organizations: Educational, Human and Social Services

Financial Impact

City Commission budgeted funds in account 001-0100-511-49-13 for Community Assistance in the current year's budget in the amount of \$10,000, of which \$85.00 will be used for this event.

Procurement

Not Applicable

Attachments:

1. Special Event Assistance Program application and supporting documents

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