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File Name: SVSC Contract with Cleveland County CASA

Title: CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SOCIAL AND VOLUNTARY

SERVICES COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800 AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT NO. K-1415-59 WITH CLEVELAND COUNTY COURT APPOINTED ADVOCATE PROGRAM, INC., D/B/A CLEVELAND COUNTY CASA.

Notes: ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve or reject the recommendation from the Social and Voluntary Services Commission to fund a request in the amount of \$1,800 from Cleveland County CASA and Contract No. K-1415-59; and, if approved, authorize the execution thereof and direct payment in the amount of \$1,800 to Cleveland County CASA.

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Agenda Date: 10/28/2014

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Attachments: Narrative on Agencies.pdf, K-1415-59 with CASA,

CASA FYE 2015 App, CASA Reg 10-14

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BACKGROUND: Funding for social service agencies of \$150,000 was established in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City of Norman budget adopted on June 10, 2014. Interested agencies were required to submit an application that required information regarding the overall mission of the agency, specific project for which funding was being requested, financial information including budget summary and projected budget, copy of most recent audit and copy of IRS tax exempt status letter. The application also required a list of the current board members and staff members of the agency.

Agency project funding will be on a reimbursement basis. Payment will be made as invoices with appropriate documentation of project execution and receipts are received.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: On September 22, 2014, the Social and Voluntary Services Commission (SVSC) heard presentations from 21 social service agencies who had submitted applications for funding. The Commission held a subsequent meeting on September 29, 2014 to discuss the applications received and to determine their funding recommendations.

After consideration of the applicants, the SVSC Commission determined that 19 of the agencies would be recommended for funding to the Norman City Council at the October 28, 2014 meeting (see attached spreadsheet). Each of these agencies, if funded, will be visited a minimum of once during the fiscal year by Commission members. The members will visit each workplace and meet with agency staff. They inquire about future trends, what special challenges are ahead for the organization and how partnerships with others doing work in this field can be established. They evaluate and form an overall impression of the organization as well as determine contract compliance.

Cleveland County CASA, Inc., founded in 1984 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency. CASA recruits, trains and supervises community volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates for children who are adjudicated "deprived" due to child abuse and/or neglect and have been made wards of the court. The proposed funding will be utilized to train and screen new advocates.

RECOMMENDATION: The Social and Voluntary Services Commission recommends approval of the proposed contracts. Funds are available in Contributions (account 010-1087-411.47-41).