## **City of Norman, OK**



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| Version:                | 1  | Reference: | Item 38    | In Control:     | City Council            |  |
| Department:             | Planning and<br>Community<br>Development<br>Department   | Cost:      | \$7,696.00 | File Created:   | 07/13/2015              |  |
| File Name:              | SVSC Contract with Cleveland County CASA   |            |            | Final Action:   | Final Action:           |  |
| Title:                  | CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SOCIAL AND VOLUNTARY<br>SERVICES COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT<br>OF \$7,696 AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT K-1516-21 WITH CLEVELAND COUNTY<br>CASA (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES), INC.  |            |            |                 |                         |  |
| 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 \$7,696 with Cleveland County CASA and Contract K-1516-21; and, if approved, authorize the execution thereof and direct payment in the amount of \$7.696 with Cleveland County CASA. |            |            |                 |                         |  |
|                         |  |            |            | Agenda Date:    | 07/28/2015              |  |
|                         |  |            |            | Agenda Number:  | 38                      |  |
| Attachments:            | ttachments: Attachment A SVSC funding, K-1516-21 CASA, PR<br>CASA  |            |            |                 |                         |  |
| Project Manager:        | Lisa Krieg, Grants Planr   | ner        |            |                 |                         |  |
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## Text of Legislative File K-1516-21

Body

**BACKGROUND**: Funding for social service agencies of \$175,000 was established in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City of Norman budget, adopted on June 9, 2015. 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.

DISCUSSION: On May 15, 2015, the Social and Voluntary Services Commission (SVSC) heard presentations

from 18 social service agencies who had submitted applications for funding. The Commission held a subsequent meeting on May 22, 2015 to discuss the applications received and to determine their funding recommendations.

After consideration of the applicants, the SVSC Commission determined that all 18 of the agencies would be recommended for funding to the Norman City Council at the July 28, 2015 meeting. Attachment A is a spreadsheet that details the \$160,000 of funding being awarded this time, the remaining \$15,000 will be awarded as three \$5,000 awards through a RFP process later this summer.

Each of these listed 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 and to provide reimbursement for volunteer mileage expenses.

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