



Legislation Text

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2014 Pop Warner Team Cheer Uniform and Apparel Grant (NB)

This item requests approval from the City Commission for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) to accept, if awarded, a grant voucher in an amount of \$500 from the Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. grant program.

The PRCA Vision 2020 Master Plan has identified the need to expose young girls to an athletic program that incorporates life skills as well as self-esteem. The Gainesville Pop Warner Association has been programming events in in co-sponsorship with the department for more than four years. In the fall of 2013, the Gator Jr. Midget Team placed 5th in the nation in their age group. The Team consists of girls from low-to-moderate income families between the ages of 5-19 years old. The cost of the uniforms for the girls to participate is a financial burden. The department does not turn any child away from participating in the programs and activities. The grant voucher, if awarded will permit the department to provide uniform scholarships to girls whose families meet the department's scholarship criteria.

There are minor administrative costs associated with this grant voucher. Staff will need to order the uniforms via telephone and follow-up with the girls that receive the uniforms. There is no funding match required.

The City Commission: 1) approve the request to accept a grant voucher in the amount of \$500, if awarded, from the Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. for the use of purchasing uniforms for the Cheer Team participants, and 2) if the grant voucher is awarded, authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the grant voucher agreement and other related grant documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.