

Government Operations Committee

Monday, March 16, 2015

City Council Chambers

(Immediately following conclusion of Finance Committee Meeting)

AGENDA

1. Request to donate surplus police cruiser

Please see attached letter from Beal College President Allen T. Stehle.

2. Resolve – Accepting and Appropriating grant funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Shelter plus Care renewal

Please see draft Council Action page and Resolve.

3. Resolve – Accepting and Appropriating grant funds from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to support an in-home Asthma Education Program

Please see draft Council Action page and Resolve.

4. Multifamily Rental Housing Inspection Program

Please see memorandum from Community and Economic Development Director Emery.

From: Allen T. Stehle [<mailto:astehle@bealcollege.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 1:23 PM
To: Conlow, Cathy
Subject: Possible Police Cruiser Donation

Dear Cathy:

My name is Allen Stehle and I am president of Beal College. A faculty member in my law enforcement program was speaking with Bob Dawes about the possibility of having the City of Bangor donate one of the Bangor Police Department cruisers that are slated for retirement.

The plan for the cruiser would be solely used for training our criminal justice students in patrol procedures on our property. The car would not be registered for on the road use and only used in an educational setting. All Bangor PD identification on the vehicle would be removed and replaced with Beal College identification.

The Beal College law enforcement program has been successful for the past twenty years and we have placed many fine officers with the Bangor Police Department. It would be wonderful for perspective students and current students in my program to know that their training vehicle was once used by the Bangor Police Department to protect our community.

If this might be a possibility for you to donate a vehicle to our program, I would like to discuss this with you.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Allen Stehle



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COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. _____

Date: March 23, 2015

Item/Subject: Resolve, Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Shelter Plus Care Renewal.

Responsible Department: Health & Community Services

Commentary:

The City applies annually for renewal funding to continue several homeless programs under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homeless Continuum of Care. The City's Shelter Plus Care program won initial funding from the federal government in 1993. The program is used to provide subsidized rents for qualified homeless individuals with a primary diagnosis of mental illness, chronic substance abuse or HIV related illness who are receiving support services.

The amount of the grant is \$326,699 which will support 40 housing units including family housing. The period of the Grant is April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Department Head

Manager's Comments:

City Manager

Associated Information: Resolve

Budget Approval:

Finance Director

Legal Approval:

City Solicitor

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CITY OF BANGOR

(TITLE.) Resolve, Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Shelter Plus Care Renewal

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Shelter Plus Care program grant funds in the amount of \$326,699 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are hereby accepted and appropriated for the purpose of supporting 40 housing units including those for families for the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

COUNCIL ACTION

Item No.

Date: 3/23/2015

Item/Subject: Resolve, Authorizing the Acceptance and Appropriation of a \$136,000 Grant from the Maine Department of Health & Human Services to support an In Home Asthma Education Program.

Responsible Department: Public Health & Community Services

Commentary:

The DHHS Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has offered a seventeen (17) month contract to the Public Health & Community Services Department to provide an In Home Asthma Education Program. The term of the contract is April 14, 2015 to August 31, 2016. This represents the first period of a five-year grant that is expected to continue until August 31, 2020. The grant amount is \$136,000 for seventeen months.

The program will provide direct services to patients with poorly controlled asthma in the home environment with a focus on education about asthma management. This will include identifying triggers in the home environment and providing suggestions to mitigate exposure. The program is expected to decrease direct health care costs associated with asthma by preventing hospitalizations and emergency/urgent care visits; and to reduce indirect costs by reducing the number of lost work days for adults and lost education days for children.

Persons served by the program are residents of Bangor, Bradley, Brewer, Carmel, Clifton, Dedham, Eddington, Frankfort, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Indian Island, Kenduskeag, Levant, Milford, Newburg, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Veazie, and Winterport.

The program will serve all ages. The focus population is MaineCare recipients but no individual will be denied access based on health insurance. Criteria for referral by a medical provider include poorly controlled asthma as defined by the NHLBI guidelines for increased impairment or risk such as a recent hospitalization or emergency room visit for asthma.

Education and assessment will be provided by nationally board certified asthma educators (NAECB AE-C) using the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Expert Panel Review-3 Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma (NAEPP EPR-3).

Department Head

Manager's Comments:

Interim City Manager

Associated Information: Resolve

Budget Approval:

Finance Director

Legal Approval:

City Solicitor

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANGOR:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Grant in the amount of \$136,000 from the Maine Department of Health & Human Services to support an In Home Asthma Education Program is hereby accepted and appropriated.

MEMORANDUM



TO: Government Operations Committee
FROM: Tanya Emery, Director, Community & Economic Development
DATE: March 9, 2015

Multifamily Inspection Program

As part of our ongoing effort to improve the quality of housing in Bangor, staff have been working on ideas for the inspection of rental housing in the City. A previous proposal brought to you would have inspected only the units rented using General Assistance funds. That approach was determined to be problematic for a number of reasons. Therefore several City departments are currently working together on a cooperative program to inspect multifamily buildings for basic housing quality and life safety issues. The key program elements are as follows:

1. Informational campaign providing outreach in the form of handouts, social media, public relations, and video content clarifying tenant and landlord responsibilities when it comes to life safety, fire prevention, and code compliance.
2. Bangor Fire Department will resume engine company inspections and be able to perform approximately 400 inspections per year using the three engine companies and four crews. BFD will begin with 3 and 4 unit apartment buildings. There are approximately 539 such buildings in the City. A basic life safety inspection will be conducted, deficiencies noted for follow up, and serious issues referred to code enforcement.
3. Larger buildings, with more than 4 units, will be inspected by Code Enforcement and the Fire Inspectors. This will allow the more time intensive inspections to be done by dedicated staff who will not be pulled away in the event of a fire or EMS call.
4. Larger residential buildings that have some institutional use (for example nursing homes, etc.) will be cross-referenced to be sure they are routinely inspected as part of some licensure or inspection process.

With cooperation between Bangor Fire Department, Code Enforcement, and Fire Inspectors, we feel confident that we can help improve life safety in the City. Staff asks for the committee's support on this program. We are targeting a May 1st rollout of this program, preceded by the PR campaign.

Footnote - A two unit dwelling has the same occupancy classification in the International Building Code (IBC) as a single family dwelling. Fire chose to focus on the R-2 class of buildings where there are more than two dwelling units.