

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Revised Community Grants Program	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Judy Buttny Finance Director

SYNOPSIS

Based on a recommendation by the Community Grants Commission, an ordinance has been prepared to amend Section 2-85 of the Municipal Code to clarify the description of the Community Grants program as well as certain eligibility requirements for community groups to receive funding.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Mission for the Village of Downers Grove includes *Partner with others to make Downers Grove a Grove a great community in which to live and do business. A supporting objective is working with community organizations and institutions to achieve vision, goals & mission.* .

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the August 12, 2008 Workshop. Staff recommends approval on the August 19, 2008 active agenda.

BACKGROUND

Section 2.85 of the Village Code establishes the Community Grants Commission, which is responsible for providing monetary grants for not-for-profit organizations meeting specific guidelines contained in the Municipal Code. Section 2.85 currently states that grants may be provided to not-for-profit organizations to promote, conduct, sponsor or otherwise advance cultural, recreational, civic or other similar community-oriented activities that contribute to the quality of life for Village residents.

On July 7, 2008, the Community Grants Commission met to discuss modifications to the community grants program and its eligibility requirements. At the meeting, the commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the attached amendment. In addition, the Commission voted unanimously to amend its list of activities for which grant funding will not be made available to include “athletic events, parades, and parade floats”, and remove “projects with no community service component”. If the amended ordinance is approved by the Village Council, promotional and application materials will be revised to reflect the changes to the program and any applicant that no longer meets the eligibility requirements will be notified.

The FY08 General Fund budget includes \$79,912 for community grants funding, which is based on a formula that determines total grant funding in a given fiscal year as 8% of prior year hotel tax revenues.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Minutes from July 7, 2008 Community Grants Commission Meeting

List of Organizations Receiving Grant Funding in 2008

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Village Attorney **DATE:** August 19, 2008
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: Community Grants Commission **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to Adopt "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COMMUNITY GRANTS PROVISIONS", as presented.

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached ordinance will make certain amendments to provisions concerning Community Grants.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

Community Grants

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COMMUNITY GRANTS PROVISIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows: (Additions are indicated by ~~shading~~/underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~):

Section 1. That Section 2.85. is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.85. Community Grants Program Established.

There is established the Downers Grove Community Grants Program to provide, on a discretionary basis under the sole discretion of the Downers Grove Village Council, monetary grants to not-for-profit organizations to promote and conduct, ~~sponsor or otherwise advance~~ cultural, artistic and recreational, ~~civic or other similar~~ community-oriented ~~activities~~ events that contribute to the quality of life for Village residents, thereby enhancing Downers Grove as an attractive and fulfilling place to live, visit and conduct business.

"Not-for-profit organization" is defined for purposes of the Downers Grove Community Grants Program as an organization registered as not-for-profit with the Illinois Secretary of State, or an entity affiliated therewith, or an organization qualified as tax exempt pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, or an entity affiliated therewith, but shall not include any unit of government or taxing body.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:
Published:
Attest: _____
Village Clerk