



DATE: August 7, 2025
TO: City Council
FROM: Ted Henry, City Manager
SUBJECT: Chamber of Commerce

Summary

The Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce was established in 2009 and has been serving the community ever since. It plays a central role in supporting local businesses by offering advocacy, networking opportunities, training, and mentorship. Moreover, the chamber organizes events that boost community engagement and attract visitors to Bel Aire.

In recognition of this, the Bel Aire City Council entered into an agreement in 2022 that provided \$20,000 to support the organization and run community events. Since then, the Chamber has received \$20,000 in 2023, \$15,000 in 2024 and \$15,000 in 2025. The 2026 Bel Aire budget has allocated \$10,000.

Chamber President Greg Dane and Gary O'Neal will be at the workshop to discuss their 2026 request and will provide additional data to support it.

Council asked me to provide information on what other area cities contribute to their chambers of commerce (below). While no two cities are the same, the information is provided at their request.

Goddard	\$10,000
Mulvane	\$40,000
Cheney	\$100
Derby	\$0
Maze	\$10,000
Haysville	\$5,000
Kechi	\$0
Park City	\$0
Valley Center	\$5,225
Andover	\$10,000