
City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Legal

FROM: Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Director of Legal Services

MEETING: November 13, 2023

SUBJECT:

Consider approval of a Chapter 380 agreement with the Burleson Opportunity Fund to promote economic development. (*Staff Contact: Matt Ribitzki, Sr. Deputy City Attorney/Director of Legal Services*)

SUMMARY:

The proposed agreement before the City Council is a Chapter 380 agreement between the City and the Burleson Opportunity Fund. Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code allows municipalities to create a program that makes grants of public money to promote economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity in the municipality, and the City Council created such a program for this municipality in 1993. The Burleson Opportunity Fund desires to participate in the City's program, and the City believes that the Burleson Opportunity Fund's participation in the program as outlined in the proposed agreement will promote economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity in the City.

In the agreement, the City will contribute \$75,000 to the Burleson Opportunity Fund. Historically, the Burleson 4A Corporation has contributed \$60,000 annually to the Burleson Opportunity Fund. This year, however, the City Council desires to increase the contribution by \$15,000, for a total contribution of \$75,000.

The contribution under the proposed agreement must be used in the Burleson Opportunity Fund's scholarship program for scholarship recipients to attend Hill College in Burleson, Texas. In the event the Burleson Opportunity Fund misuses the funds or any portion thereof, the agreement requires the Burleson Opportunity Fund to reimburse the City an amount equal to the misused funds. The agreement also specifies that the City has the right, but not the obligation, to conduct an audit the financial records of the Burleson Opportunity Fund to ensure the contribution is spent in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the agreement as presented;

- 2) Approve the agreement with changes; or
- 3) Deny the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT:

n/a

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