

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

City Council Meeting: 03-13-25

Department: Admin-Finance

Subject: FELPS Summer Youth Program Matching Funds

Summary:

The City of La Vernia has been allocated matching funds from the FELPS Summer Youth Program to support community-based youth activities this summer. City staff recommends transferring these funds to the Municipal Development District (MDD) to fund a Summer Movie Series that will take place bi-weekly from the last week of May through the last week of August, with a break during the week of the 4th of July.

The Summer Movie Series will feature family-friendly movies, with a different activity themed around the movie presented each week. These activities will engage local youth and families, fostering community participation and providing a safe and enjoyable environment during the summer months.

Goal:

The goal of this initiative is to utilize the matching funds to enhance community engagement and provide positive activities for youth in La Vernia. By transferring the funds to the MDD, we ensure that the Summer Movie Series is effectively managed, reaching a wide audience and promoting local community spirit.

Community Benefit:

This program will provide several key benefits to the community, including:

- **Youth Engagement:** By organizing themed activities and movie nights, local youth will have an opportunity to participate in fun, educational, and community-centered events.
- **Community Building:** The Summer Movie Series will foster a sense of community by bringing families and residents together for enjoyable evenings.
- **Support for Local Businesses:** Hosting events such as these may encourage local businesses to engage with and support community events, benefiting the local economy.
- **Safe Recreation:** The movie series provides a safe, family-friendly environment for youth to gather and enjoy summer nights.
- **Cultural Enrichment:** The activities associated with each movie will expose youth to diverse themes and cultures, enhancing their understanding and creativity.

Recommended Action:

City staff recommends that the City Council approve the transfer of the FELPS Summer Youth Program matching funds to the Municipal Development District for the implementation of the Summer Movie Series. No further action is required at this time other than approval of this recommendation.