



Staff Report to the North Ogden City Council

SYNOPSIS

Description: This is a discussion about partnering for an LED screen to be installed at the amphitheater, specifically the city's financial commitment of \$5,000 and what is involved in partnering on a RAMP grant application with the Major Brent Taylor Foundation.

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STAFF INFORMATION

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QUESTION FOR COUNCIL

Is the Council willing to enter into this partnership with the Major Brent Taylor Foundation for Veterans Week to be held in October/November of 2024.

DISCUSSION

The city was approached in December/January about partnering for the 7th year with the Major Brent Taylor Foundation (MBTF) for the Veterans Week celebrations. MBTF applied for a RAMP Grant on January 19th to provide additional resources to their program including an LED screen to be permanently installed at the amphitheater and given included with the city's AV equipment and additional plastic folding chairs. Other items were included in the grant request to support the Veterans Week programs.

Historically, the city has partnered on the Veterans Week celebration with MBTF which included staff assistance and the use of the Amphitheater, trailheads, and equestrian park during the weeks around Veterans Day. This new request would also require the city to financially support (\$5,000) specifically, the LED screen to be permanently installed at the amphitheater. There would also continue to be a partnership with the use of city facilities and some employee time to get the amphitheater and other areas ready for use and clean up after the corresponding events. The programs cost for all the planned activities, volunteer hours, and equipment is \$258,996.22.

The \$5,000 commitment from the city will come out of the already budgeted dollars in GLs 10-62-500 and 10-62-510 where the city budgets for miscellaneous programs \$7,250 and Municipalities RAMP programs \$21,528. There are sufficient funds to cover the \$5,000 out of

these budget lines and the Community Events department (GL 10-62) will likely be under budget at the end of the fiscal year.

The screen will become a city asset and will be stored at the amphitheater as will the chairs. For maintenance costs there will not be any additional maintenance on the screen, except as damage and malfunctions occur. We can utilize the same company we plan to use for the rest of the amphitheater equipment to help with repairs on the screen if needed.

We estimate \$2500 worth of in-kind donations to help get the amphitheater and other facilities up and running along with the waiver of rental fees for the day's city facilities are used.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approving this partnership on the RAMP grant to get some very expensive equipment and additional chairs for a \$5,000 investment on behalf of the city plus the in-kind donations.