

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: Consent C 4

DATE: June 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with the Sultan School District and Snohomish County Sheriff for the Teen Court

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

ISSUE:

The issue before the city council is to authorize Mayor Eslick to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sultan School District and the Snohomish County Sheriff's department for the Teen Court project. This will allow those agencies to refer youth to the Teen Court.

Funding for the Teen Court is provided by the Governor's Juvenile Justice Grant awarded to the city in March 2010.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Mayor Eslick to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sultan School District and the Snohomish County Sheriff's department for the Teen Court project

SUMMARY:

On March 29, 2010, the City of Sultan and Volunteers of American were informed that the grant application to form a teen court was awarded to the city in the amount of \$36,500. The grant includes \$16,900 to contract with Northshore Youth and Family Services for intake evaluation and on-going counseling on issues of substance abuse, family counseling, anger management, etc. This contract was approved by the Council on May 27, 2010.

The city is the lead agency for the grant with support from Volunteers of America for the day-to-day oversight of the Sky Valley Teen Court. As the lead agency, the city is responsible for securing and managing the necessary contracts. The city is also responsible for other administrative duties such as approving and processing reimbursement requests.

Staff and Dave Wood (VOA) met with Sharon Pearson, a representative from the Governor's Juvenile Justice Department to review progress made on the project. It was requested the City enter into a MOU with the Sultan District and Sheriff's Department to allow those agencies to refer youth to the Teen Court. The MOU will define the terms of the grant and the criteria for referrals. Dave Wood will present an update on the

project and provide copies of the documents developed to date. He will also work closely with City staff to complete the MOU's. All contracts must be in place by June 30th.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Staff is requesting Council approval for the Mayor to sign the MOU's to keep the project moving. Copies of the signed MOU's will be provided to the Council.
- 2) Council could delay approval to the second meeting when the completed MOU's will be completed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize Mayor Eslick to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sultan School District and the Snohomish County Sheriff's department for the Teen Court project