

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12-16(R)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Plano, Texas, approving updates of the Rules and Regulations for the use of Buffington Community Services Grant funds; authorizing its execution by the City Manager or his authorized designee; and providing the effective date.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the continuing need for community services within the City and, for this reason, makes funds available for social services;

WHEREAS, the City Council directed the Community Relations Commission to review the Buffington Community Services Grant for recommended updates, including the definition of "emergency services", to ensure these regulations are meeting their intent and directing funding in the best interest of the citizens of Plano; and

WHEREAS, the Community Relations Commission has considered the existing regulations and is recommending the Buffington Community Services Grant regulations be adopted as stated below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. - The Buffington Community Services Grant regulations, having been reviewed by the City Council of the City of Plano and found to be acceptable and in the best interests of the City of Plano and its citizens, are hereby in all things approved as follows:

"A. **OBJECTIVES** – The City of Plano recognizes the need for community services within the City and, for this reason, makes funds available for social services. The Buffington Community Services Grant (BCSG) supplies funds for programs that provide short-term, urgent economic assistance or care services, offering immediate relief of crisis impacting the physical and/or mental health of Plano residents. General categories for such assistance and care include food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and medical or crisis counseling care. All such services will contribute to one or more goals of the City's current, adopted Consolidated Plan of Housing and Community Development Goals.

B. **REQUIREMENTS** - Grants are for expenses incurred within the City of Plano Fiscal Year, between October 1 and September 30. All funds must be spent no later than September 30. Bills remaining to be paid after that date may not be paid with BCSG funds. Unspent funds must be returned to the City of Plano. Records to justify expenditures must be maintained by the agency for a period of five years after termination of the grant agreement.

Per the State of Texas, grants to a social service organization may not exceed 50% of the organization's annual budget.

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C. INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES – Non-profit organizations may not utilize BCSG funds for any of the following:

1. Duplication of programs.
2. Social functions, parties, receptions, fund-raising benefits, refreshments, or beverages.
3. Licensing fees of any kind.
4. Underwriting, investments, stocks, bonds, or any financial obligation.
5. Fines, penalties, or costs of litigation.”

Section II. - This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010.




Phil Dyer, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Diane Zucco, CITY SECRETARY

Approved as to form:



Diane C. Wetherbee, CITY ATTORNEY