

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM
#13-2021**

DATE: Dec. 6, 2021
TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members
THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*
FROM: Johanna Small, City Clerk *JS*
SUBJECT: CR-137 – Outside Agency Funding Grants

PURPOSE

To consider CR-137, a resolution approving grant awards for the 2021 Outside Agency Funding (OAF) Grant Program.

BACKGROUND

Resolution No. 17-03, Series of 2017, authorizes the City Council Outside Agency Funding Committee to coordinate a grant program with the City Clerk's Office for the purpose of funding non-profit organizations who provide services that directly benefit the wellbeing of Northglenn residents.

Applications for the 2021 OAF Grant Program were solicited from organizations serving the Northglenn community. Three agencies submitted applications with requests totaling \$15,400. The 2021 Budget includes \$25,000 for the grant program.

Resolution No. 17-03 establishes the following criteria for organizations applying for grant funding:

- is a non-profit entity
- serves Northglenn residents directly
- will not use the funding to promote political or religious purposes
- is nonpartisan
- is preferably located within Northglenn
- purpose does not violate any portion of the Northglenn City Charter
- is not associated with any personal interest of a City Council member or City employee that may be deemed a violation of the ethics policy

The OAF Committee, which includes Council members Becky Brown, Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa, and Ashley Witkovich, received presentations from the applicants on Dec. 2, 2021. After reviewing the application materials and information presented, the Committee provided the following recommendations for the allocation of the 2021 grant funding:

Organization	Recommended Grant Award
A Child's Song	\$ 7,000
CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties	\$ 6,000
Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Bank	\$ 10,000
Total:	\$ 23,000

Resolution No. 17-03 requires the proposed funding amounts to be approved by resolution. CR-137 has been drafted for Council's consideration to include the grant awards recommended by the OAF Committee.

Below is information about each agency for which funding has been recommended and the services they provide to the Northglenn community.

A Child's Song

A Child's Song (ACS) serves under-resourced youth through music and mentoring programs regardless of learning differences or developmental disabilities. ACS's Northglenn Alliance program was created in response to ideas from Latinx community members living in nearby Section 8 housing who requested English Language Learners (ELL) training for adults, after-school music and mentorship activities for youth, and community-building music collaborations that encourage multi-generational, culturally-edifying participation. Instructors will reflect the ethnicity of students to engage in discussions on immigration, racial tension, language barriers, educational challenges, and other stressors faced by youth while adults are able to focus on ELL training. The program will embrace cultural integrity by creating a situation where youth can pursue serious music instruction in a culturally sensitive atmosphere that edifies their heritage, connects them with gifted, caring instructors/mentors, and encourages the sharing of authentic stories through music. Northglenn Alliance seeks to address the arts opportunity gap experienced by most Latinx students. The program will be offered at the new Crossroads Community Center, 10451 Huron Street, Northglenn.

Grant funding will be used to purchase instruments for students and for program expenses for the salary of the Hispanic Artist-in-Residence.

CASA of Adams and Broomfield Counties

CASA provides specially selected and trained community volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse and neglect in pursuit of safe and permanent homes. It costs the CASA program approximately \$1,200 per child per year to provide CASA volunteers, which includes costs for community outreach, recruitment, screening, training, professional supervision, and support. CASA works with the courts and human service departments to track all open abuse and neglect cases in the 17th Judicial District. In 2020, there were nearly 100 Northglenn children involved in the court system because of abuse and neglect. CASA was able to provide advocates to 24 of those children. Grant funding will enable more Northglenn children to be served by CASA.

Grant funding will be used to support program costs to recruit, train, supervise, and retain community members to serve as CASA volunteers and provide direct advocacy services to Northglenn children.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Bank

Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Bank serves a large portion of Adams County by providing food baskets to registered Northglenn, Thornton, and small portions of Westminster and Commerce City clients. Additionally, food is provided to anyone in need at the food bank on a weekly basis. They also provide information and resources that the City of Northglenn, City of Thornton and other faith-based communities provide. The food bank serves a large population of people experiencing homelessness, people with low incomes, students, seniors, and working families. Services are provided without bias of religion or ethnicity. The food bank is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and is located in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Stewardship Center at 11426 Pearl Street, Northglenn.

Grant funding will be used to address gaps due to decreased donations and other food banks closing, and to purchase bulk food items such as pinto beans and rice, and protein food items such as peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken and jelly, which are more expensive and not regularly donated. The food bank will also purchase items to meet the dietary needs of Afghan immigrants who need assistance.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

The 2021 Budget includes \$25,000 for the Outside Agency Funding Grant program. Upon approval, the grant awards will be processed and distributed to the organizations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff, through the recommendation of the Outside Agency Funding Committee, recommends approval of CR-137.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council members have any questions, please contact Johanna Small, City Clerk at jsmall@northglenn.org or 303.450.8757.

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR LEIGHTY

COUNCILMAN'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-137
Series of 2021

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A RESOLUTION DISTRIBUTING FUNDING TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the 2021 Budget includes funding to be distributed to outside agencies as part of the Outside Agency Funding Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Outside Agency Funding Committee has reviewed the applications received from outside agencies for grant funding from the City Council, and has utilized the required criteria in recommending to the City Council the appropriate recipients of outside agency funding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to act on the recommendations of the Outside Agency Funding Committee and award grant funding as described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. Based on the recommendations of the Outside Agency Funding Committee, the City Council hereby determines to provide the following outside agencies with the designated funding amounts:

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| A. | A Child's Song | \$ 7,000 |
| B. | CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties | \$ 6,000 |
| C. | Immaculate Heart of Mary Food Bank | \$ 10,000 |

DATED at Northglenn, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MEREDITH LEIGHTY
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHANNA SMALL, CMC
City Clerk

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney