



Brainerd City Council Agenda Request

MEETING DATE: June 5, 2023

TITLE OF ITEM: Consider Request from BCA for Independence Day Fireworks Donation

AGENDA: P&F Committee

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve/Deny Motion

SUBMITTED BY: Connie Hillman

DEPARTMENT: Finance

PRESENTER: Executive Director BCA/City Staff

ESTIMATED TIME (MIN): 5 Minutes

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Please see the attached letter from Dave Badeaux, Executive Director of Brainerd Community Action.

Staff inquired about Baxter's contribution for fireworks and was told that it has been \$8,000 as well the last handful of years.

ALTERNATIVE, OPTIONS, EFFECTS ON OTHERS/COMMENTS:

Historically we have used the special projects budget line item for the fireworks/celebration donation. Below is a history of the donations made for this cause:

2016 through 2022 - \$8,000
2015 - \$7,500
2014 - \$8,500
2013 - \$8,000
2011 and 2012 - \$5,000
2010 - \$0

There was \$28,000 budgeted for special projects in 2023. As of the end of May \$7,517 of the budget has been used; \$500 donation to the historical society and \$7,017 for Civic Clerk software relating to the 2023 portion of the fee. This results in \$20,483 of the budget remaining.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Approve the request from Brainerd Community Action for a donation for Independence Day fireworks in the amount of \$8,000 to be paid from the special projects budgeted line item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Is there a cost associated with this request: Yes
What is the total cost, with tax and shipping: \$8,000
Is this budgeted? (Please Explain) Yes, under Special Projects



May 31, 2023

Dear City Officials,

Each year Brainerd Community Action hosts numerous annual events that attract thousands of people into The Brainerd Lakes Area and throughout our communities. We are in the midst of our planning season and continuing to prepare for the 2023 Fourth of July firework display.

What we learned over the last few years is that the firework portion of the day is the most important part of our local celebration, and we aim to continue to bring a world class show to all those who are able to view. Continuing to shoot from a centralized location and doing so with the goal of shooting as high as possible has proven very popular with both cities and has allowed people to view the show from a wider area than in years past. Because of this Brainerd Community Action will be using this as a basis for our event and putting an extra emphasis on making sure this portion of the day is top tier.

What we ask of both our cities, Brainerd and Baxter, is that they continue to support the fireworks portion of this important event for our area.

Brainerd Community Action will continue to evaluate how we can best present this patriotic moment for our community, and as always, our goal will be to provide a celebration that is both appropriate for and worthy of the title of Minnesota's 4th of July Capital right here in the Brainerd Lakes.

Thank you for you continued community support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Badeaux", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Dave Badeaux
Executive Director
Brainerd Community Action

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