
REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 2 , 2017

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. # 2017-614

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ATTACHMENT: LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ECONOMIC SECURITY CORPORATION OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI AREA USING CARVER NURSERY FACILITY

Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg

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City Attorney: Peter Edwards

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INTRODUCTION:

This Council Bill approves a Lease Agreement with Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Missouri Area for the renovations and use of the Carver Nursery Facility for an Early Head Start program.

DISCUSSION:

Early Head Start is a program that serves low-income children ages 0-3 years, prenatal women, and their families. The program is designed to provide information and services in the areas of child development, nutrition, health, social services, and family goal setting. Economic Security Corporation has been providing EHS services since 1999. The program recently received an expansion grant to double the size of its child care services. The families receiving the child care services must be working and/or going to school full-time. Each family will be assigned a Family Advocate who will assist them with developing self-sufficiency goals that are designed to move them out of poverty. Children will receive 2/3 of their daily nutritional needs while in care, through our contract with the USDA's Child Adult Care Food Program. Our program is also certified at the Advanced Level of the Missouri Eat Smart program, which promotes the highest quality nutritional services for children in childcare.

Early Head Start would like to partner with the City of Joplin to utilize the Carver Nursery to provide high quality child care services for 8-16 infants and toddlers, in a full-day, full-year program. Economic Security Corporation would make \$15,000 in renovations to Carver Nursery before the Early Head Start program would begin. This would be a full rent abatement for the fifty (50) month Lease Agreement. Economic Security Corporation would also pay for utilities every month as laid out in the Lease Agreement. Once the rent abatement is complete and Economic Security Corporation would like to renew with the City of Joplin they would be pay \$300 per month in rent, as well as utilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on emergency basis.