

General Manager Report

May 20, 2019

Update on Several Items

CLETS - the investigator reports that the fact gathering is complete and a report will be forthcoming.

Chief of Police – We have been interviewing and checking on potential candidates for a temporary position targeted to start on July 1, 2019. There were five original candidates and three remain under consideration.

Matrix Police RFP – The Request for Proposal is being drafted and will be presented to the Board for approval prior to distribution.

Meeting with Fire Board President – President Nottoli and I met with KFPD President Julie Stein to discuss topics of mutual interest, including the status of the current Public Safety Building. We noted in our meeting that a next step could be an updating of the previous site analysis and a public discussion of the results. Such a process would be a cornerstone to the site considerations and serve as documentation for an Environmental Impact Report.

District Approach to Potential Grants

The potential of receiving funds from various granting organizations can be an enticing prospect for most local governments. I am recommending that the District not pursue grants that include suggested pre-requisites such as attendance at application training programs, study of application manuals or require time-consuming research. The District can apply for those grants that require minimal staff resources, have simple sign-off applications, or are authorized by the Board of Directors.

Competition for grants can be relentless and includes organizations who have on-staff talent and experience with applying for grants. The preparation of a grant request can be a complex undertaking that is often left to professional proposal writers with relevant training and experience. It is common for grants to require the presentation of a business plan that includes a budget, scheduled milestones and project goals that must be completed within established parameters. The completion of a successful proposal involves planning, research and the ability to navigate through a maze of detailed requirements and specifications.

Although the lure of free money attracts worthy applications, usually only a small percentage of the applicants receive funding. Routinely, there are strings attached to any potential funds, including data tracking, restrictions and conditions. There is the option of utilizing a group of citizen volunteers to handle applications and reporting. However, citizen volunteers usually have limited grant application experience to manage strict spending and accounting regulations as well as grantor oversight conditions and regular audit reporting. Frequently, those who receive grants hire an accountant or business professional to manage the process.

Best regards,

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