

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO 2009/10 ASSET CONTRACT WITH THE RICHMOND CENTER TO INCLUDE \$19,466 IN EMERGENCY CARRYOVER FUNDS

BACKGROUND:

On November 25, 2008, the City Council approved an allocation of \$45,000 in emergency funds to the Richmond Center Mental Health Center (RC) as follows:

- a. \$20,000 for reimbursement for nursing services, on an hourly rate basis of \$79.28 per hour. This service will be available for Ames residents.
- b. A forgivable loan of up to \$25,000 for the purchase of equipment and software to upgrade the Richmond Center's client tracking and billing system.
- c. This action should be contingent upon the United Way, Mary Greeley Medical Center, and Story County providing a similar level of emergency support of the Richmond Center.

On August 21, 2009, the City Council received a letter from the Richmond Center asking that a remaining balance of \$19,466 be carried over to the FY 2009/10 for upgrading of technology (13,676.83) and for nursing services (\$5,789.06).

Both the Richmond Center and Community and Family Resources (CFR) continue their efforts toward an eventual merger. Strides have been made in updating the RC financial situation and client databases. More must be done to complete the data collection and client tracking systems upgrades. Nursing services continue to be provided to Ames residents. Both RC and CFR provide increasingly valuable services to the Ames community.

The request involves the carryover of these funds from 2008/09 to 2009/10, and the amendment of the 2009/10 contract to provide for their expenditures. While this will increase the total amount of the 2009/10 Richmond Center contract, no new monies will be needed from the Local Option Sales Tax funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the requested carryover of \$19,466 from 2008/09 to 2009/10 for the Richmond Center, and amend the 2009/10 ASSET contract to allow for its expenditure. The funds will be allocated \$13,677 for technology purchases and \$5,789 for nursing services. The new total for 2009/10 contract would then become \$38,801.

2. The City Council can deny this request and keep the 2009/10 Richmond Center contract at \$19,335 for Crisis Line Services only.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, and approve the requested carryover of \$19,466 from 2008/09 to 2009/10 for the Richmond Center, and amend the 2009/10 ASSET contract to allow for its expenditure. The funds will be allocated \$13,677 for technology purchases and \$5,789 for nursing services. The new total for 2009/10 contract would then become \$38,801. While this will increase the total amount of the 2009/10 Richmond Center contract, no new City monies will be needed to satisfy this request.