

RESOLUTION NO. 5155

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ALBANY FAMILY TREE RELIEF NURSERY.

WHEREAS, the Oregon Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, operated by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department, provides U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds to develop projects that assist low- and moderate-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of federal requirements that must be met before the State can award CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, the number of child abuse victims continues to rise each year in Linn County and the rates for Linn County are above average for the state; and

WHEREAS, there are eight successful relief nurseries operating in Oregon, and the Eugene Relief Nursery's program has received national recognition and is the Albany Family Tree's mentor; and

WHEREAS, relief nurseries serve children at highest risk for abuse and domestic violence, poverty and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Family Tree Relief Nursery is the only organization in Linn County that provides early intervention services at no cost to high-risk Albany and Linn County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Family Tree Relief Nursery's child abuse prevention program is centered on therapeutic nursery and preschool for children from birth up to 6 years old; and

WHEREAS, the Family Tree Relief Nursery cannot meet the demand for child abuse and neglect prevention in Linn County without a larger permanent facility; and

WHEREAS, receipt of CDBG funding would help the Family Tree Relief Nursery to purchase, remodel, and/or construct its own building to help grow the program to help at least 36 children at one time; and

WHEREAS, the community and our State representatives have expressed an interest in providing child abuse prevention services in Albany.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Albany approves and endorses the submittal of an application to the Oregon Community Development Block Grant Program for the purpose of helping to establish the Family Tree Relief Nursery in Albany when the Family Tree Relief Nursery satisfies the following conditions that the State will consider in determining the project's readiness to proceed:

- Documentation that the Family Tree Relief Nursery meets the CDBG national objective that at least 51 percent of their clientele is low to moderate income based on current household size and income data; and
- Submission of a five-year business plan that includes an operating budget for each year, including projected staffing, actual revenues to date, and projected revenues by source; and
- Documentation of non-profit status; and
- Identification of a suitable property of an appropriate size in a suitable location; and
- Identification of a project manager who is familiar with facility and contract management; and

- Submission of a brief narrative explaining the differences between the Family Tree Relief Nursery and the ABC House to show that the missions of the two agencies are complementary and do not duplicate one another.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the completion of the above conditions that the proposed CDBG application will be brought back before the City Council for final review and approval.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE THIS 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2005.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk