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Date: April 15, 2013

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Neighborhood Council: South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC)

RE: Returned Request for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)

On March 29, 2013, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment received an application for an NPG in the amount of \$2983.14 payable to SORO Inc. for emergency supplies to be "stored at the SORONC'S storage space at the Robertson Recreation /Center... to be accessed, maintained, and deployed by CERT individuals designated by the SORONC."

The NPG request is being RETURNED due to advice from the Office of the City Attorney regarding concerns arising from the Neighborhood Council's participation in emergency response. As Neighborhood Councils are not designated first-responders, the City Attorney's office advises that Neighborhood Councils neither store emergency supplies, nor be responsible for their deployment in an emergency.

Neighborhood Councils are permitted to support the emergency preparedness efforts of local first-responders and persons in the community who are CERT-trained and certified. Therefore, SORONC may resubmit an NPG request for SORO Inc., as long as the grant's purpose does not require that SORONC maintain responsibility for storage or deployment of the purchased emergency supplies. Payment of the NPG will be processed upon receipt of the complete re-submitted package.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Amber Meshack, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, or the NC Help Desk at (213) 978-1551.

Sincerely,

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
FUNDING PROGRAM

Enclosure



Motion for \$2984 Neighborhood Purpose Grant for SORO Inc. to Purchase Emergency Equipment and Supplies

Agenda Item: GB032113-15

Date: March 21, 2013

Proposed By: Michael Lynn

Full Proposal

In 2011, the SORO NC General Board approved the Public Safety Committee's "Neighborhood Team Program" (NTP), as part of an overall SORO Emergency Preparedness Plan.

In a major emergency or disaster, Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs) would need various equipment and supplies to rescue and/or provide care for trapped or severely injured individuals within SORO. The following equipment and supplies provides the very minimal amount needed for training and use by existing NETs:

(See attached spreadsheet.)

All listed equipment and supplies would be stored at the SORO NC storage space at the Robertson Recreation Center (and/or other designated locations,) to be accessed, maintained and deployed by CERT individuals designated by the SORO NC.

Proposed Motion

To approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$2984 for SORO Inc. to purchase Emergency Supplies and Equipment (see attached spreadsheet) in support of CERT graduates in training community members, to be stored in the SORO NC storage unit, located at the Robertson Recreation Center.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$ 3750.00
(applies to funding motions only)

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Arguments for:

Emergency teams need to train with the proper equipment for rescue and triage.

Arguments against:

If there is no disaster, equipment and supplies never gets used.

