Application for use of Alcohol Tax Funds

2023 City of Garden City Alcohol Fund Advisory Committee

You may provide additional information. However, this form must be completed.

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Moneys in the special alcohol and drug programs fund shall be expended only for the purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of services or programs whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education, alcohol and drug detoxification, intervention in alcohol and drug abuse or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers.

This request is for the expansion of RMRL's Hunter Safety Program—an initiative that was added at the end of 2022 to the outdoor activities we offer to the boys in our program. We currently have 19 students in the program and are in the process of putting 20 more students through the program. Adding a Hunter Safety Program to our model provides several benefits and aligns with the overall objectives of RMRL.

- Skill Development: Hunting requires a range of skills, including outdoor navigation, firearms handling, wildlife identification, and decision-making. By including a Hunter Safety Program, the boys can develop and enhance these skills, fostering their personal growth and self-confidence.
- Responsible Citizenship: Hunting is a popular outdoor activity in many communities, and being a responsible hunter is an important aspect of being a good citizen. Incorporating a Hunter Safety Program promotes responsible behavior, ethical decisionmaking, respect for wildlife and nature, and compliance with hunting laws and regulations. These values align with the development of responsible citizenship within our leadership program.
- Outdoor Education and Appreciation: Hunting encourages a deeper understanding and appreciation for the natural world. It provides an opportunity for the boys to connect with nature, learn about wildlife habitats, and develop a sense of environmental stewardship. The Hunter Safety Program can integrate education on conservation principles, sustainability, and the importance of preserving natural resources.
- Safety and Risk Management: Hunting involves inherent risks, and safety is of paramount importance. A Hunter Safety Program teaches the boys how to handle firearms safely, recognize and mitigate potential risks in the field, and develop responsible decision-making skills. These safety lessons can be transferred to other aspects of life, such as understanding and managing risks in leadership roles.
- Leadership and Teamwork: Hunting often involves teamwork, collaboration, and effective communication. Incorporating a Hunter Safety Program within our leadership program can provide opportunities for the boys to practice leadership skills, teamwork, and effective decision-making in a dynamic and challenging environment. It can also foster mentorship opportunities where experienced hunters serve as role models and leaders within the hunting community.
- Character Development: Engaging in hunting activities can contribute to character development by promoting discipline,

- perseverance, patience, and respect for others. The Hunter Safety Program can reinforce these character traits by emphasizing the importance of ethical hunting practices, fair chase, and sportsmanship.
- Personal Responsibility: Hunting requires the boys to take personal responsibility for their actions and decisions. By integrating a Hunter Safety Program, the leadership program can reinforce the concept of personal responsibility, accountability, and the consequences of one's actions, fostering a sense of maturity and self-awareness.

The Hunter Safety Program includes comprehensive instruction covering essential topics such as firearm safety, hunting laws and regulations, wildlife identification, hunting ethics, and conservation principles. Trained experts in the field lead these sessions, providing interactive learning experiences and promoting responsible behavior. Practical, hands-on training is a crucial component of the program so the boys are taught firearm handling and safety techniques, including proper firearm storage, loading, and unloading procedures, and safe shooting practices. The program also promotes ethical hunting practices and instills a sense of sportsmanship. Emphasis is placed on fair chase, respecting other hunters, and following the principles of conservation and wildlife management. Discussions and activities are conducted to foster an appreciation for nature, wildlife, and the responsibilities of being a hunter.

Additionally, the program prioritizes safety in all aspects of hunting. The boys learn about personal safety, including first aid basics and emergency preparedness. They are also trained to identify and mitigate potential risks, such as falls from tree stands or encounters with dangerous wildlife. Lastly, decision-making skills are developed to promote responsible behavior while hunting. The boys learn to make ethical and informed choices to ensure the safety of themselves, other hunters, and wildlife.

One additional component we want to add to this program is alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education, which is the purpose of this grant request. We believe that incorporating alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education is an important step towards promoting responsible behavior and ensuring the safety of young hunters. We plan to integrate this in several ways. One way will be inviting local substance abuse counselors, law enforcement officers, and/or community leaders to speak to the boys about the risks and consequences of alcoholism and drug abuse. They will share real-life stories, provide information on local resources, and address any questions or concerns. We will also allocate specific sessions or modules within the Hunter Safety Program to discuss alcoholism and drug abuse prevention. We will designate time for interactive discussions, presentations, and educational activities focused on the dangers of substance abuse and ways to resist peer pressure.

Additionally, we will create engaging activities that highlight the negative effects of alcohol and drugs on hunting safety. This will include simulations or role-playing exercises that demonstrate impaired judgment, coordination, and the potential for accidents when under the influence. Lastly, we will facilitate open discussions among the boys, allowing them to share their thoughts, concerns, and experiences related

to alcoholism and drug abuse. This will encourage peer-to-peer education, where they can provide support and advice to each other.

Incorporating alcohol and drug abuse prevention and education into this program will require our current program staff to expand their bandwidth and work additional hours. More resources will be needed as well, such as guest speakers and educational materials. This will also involve designing new lessons, developing interactive activities, and creating educational resources that align with the program's objectives and engage the boys effectively. Enhanced marketing will also be necessary, and this will involve creating informational brochures and posters to share in the community and in the schools that we partner with. Any grant funds received will be applied toward these areas.

We requested and received \$6,000 in the 2023 Round 1 of AFAC funding to address drug and alcohol prevention in our AWARE Summer Health & Wellness Leadership Program. Funding from this current request will allow us to continue the drug and alcohol prevention and education component year-round beyond the summer months since our Hunter Safety Program is an on-going program throughout the year.

Program Sustainability

This is an on-going program. As such, it is important that we plan and allocate resources thoughtfully to ensure the successful integration of alcohol and drug abuse prevention education into the Hunter Safety Program. When these grant funds are expended, we will continue to seek partnerships, explore grant opportunities, and engage local sponsors to help offset any financial burdens associated with the costs of the program.

Requested Amount of Funding

Actual budgets for three previous years and projected 2023 budget. Also highlight where the funds you are requesting will go.

\$15,850

Since the Hunter Safety Program was added to our outdoor activities at the end of 2022, we do not have 3 previous budget years to show. The projected 2023 budget for the Hunter Safety Program is noted below. Here is how we will use the requested funds:

Staff: 2 at 5-6 Hrs. Per Trip - \$600 Per Month (for 12 months) = \$7,200

Meals: 40 Students @ \$20.00 = \$800

Transportation: \$1,500

Licensing Fees: \$1,200

Hunting Equipment:

- 1. Fishing Poles = \$750
- 2. Shooting Targets = \$650
- 3. Ammunition: \$1,000
- 4. Archery: \$750

Clothing:

1. Vests & Caps - \$2,000

Total: \$15,850

Describe timeline for the purchase, establishment, maintenance or expansion of services or programs.	The Hunter Safety Program is an on-going program that was started at the end of 2022. These funds will be used over a 12-month period—August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024. It is our plan for the program to continue to grow and evolve, as we want to accommodate those boys who are on our waiting list. To date, 19 boys have successfully completed the hunter safety program and approximately 20 more are in the process of completing it.
How will you show those awarding funds results at the end of the year that directly correlate to the statute language of K.S.A. 79-41a04?	Real Men Real Leaders will administer a pre- and post-survey for the hunter safety program that addresses such things as drugs and alcohol. Additionally, we track the number of boys who begin and complete the program. The hours will be tracked and can be reported.

Please complete and return to Danielle Burke, Assistant City Manager, PO Box 998, Garden City, KS 67846 by 4:00 p.m., July 21, 2023. For a digital version of this form, please visit the City of Garden City website at www.garden-city.org.

Alcoholic Liquor Fund

The State of Kansas, in KSA 79-41a04, creates an Alcoholic Liquor Fund, and describes how those moneys are to be distributed back to local units of government. For cities with population greater than 6,000 (Garden City fits that category) the law sets forth that 1/3 of the money be credited to the general fund, 1/3 be credited to a special parks and recreation fund, and 1/3 to a special alcohol and drug programs fund in the city treasury.

The City Commission authorized an additional round of funding to help support programs that move towards current City Commission goals and ongoing initiatives related to childcare and co-responder programming. This programming still must be tied to prevention, education, intervention efforts within Garden City and Finney County.

This round will be one-time in nature and the City encourages applicants to apply for project/programming that is also more one-time in nature or outline how the program being proposed will be funded in future years.

The application will be reviewed by the LiveWell Finney County Board and does not have a limit. Successful applicants will be asked to complete a year-end report outlining how funds were used. The entire application needs to be complete for your agency to be considered.

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