

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Manager

Subject: Ronald O'Brien Weed and Seed Coordinator – Independent Contractor

Manager's Recommendation:

I recommend approval of the agreement between the City of Saginaw and Ronald T. O'Brien, in the amount of \$40,000, to act as Site Coordinator for the Weed and Seed Grant activities.

In addition, a budget adjustment is recommended to increase the Community Policing Fund - Weed and Seed Division's Professional Services Account No. 260-3321-741.80-01 from \$0 to \$40,000, for monies received from the Department of Justice. To offset the increase in expenditures, the Community Policing Fund – Federal Grant/ Weed and Seed Account No. 260-0000-513.58-35 should be increased by the same amount.

Justification:

Mr. O'Brien has been selected by the Steering Committee of the Weed and Seed Grant program to serve as its Site Coordinator. He will act as an at-will independent contractor and receive annual compensation of \$40,000, but no other benefits. The contractor will indemnify the City for any liability and provide liability insurance. The City will make the initial monthly payments for the services and obtain reimbursement through the federal grant.

Supervision of the site Coordinator will be by the City in consultation with the Steering Committee of the Weed and Seed program, pursuant to the requirements of the federal grant.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendation from the City Manager be approved.