

City Approves Grants to Nonprofits

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The Kodiak

City Council approved, on a five-to-zero vote, its contributions to area nonprofit organizations at its meeting last week. Councilman Tom Walters said the city and its residents appreciate the work that nonprofits do for the community.

The Kodiak

Humane Society, which operates the animal shelter here, received the largest single cash donation, in the amount of 96-thousand dollars. The Kodiak Island Convention and Visitors Bureau received 85-thousand dollars in cash, and a waiver of 12-thousand in rent at the Pier One ferry terminal building. Also receiving an in-kind donation of rent in that building is the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce, in the amount of 21-thousand dollars. The Chamber also received 43-thousand dollars for its economic development program. Several programs received 10-thousand dollar grants, including the Kodiak Womens Resource and Crisis Center, the Senior Citizens of Kodiak and the Brother Francis Shelter, which also received 34-thousand dollars of non-cash support for water and sewer and land payments.

Another of

the major beneficiaries of the city's largess is the Kodiak Historical Society, which operates the Baranof (b'RON-off) Museum in the city-owned Erskine House. It received 60-thousand dollars in operations funds and 17-thousand dollars as in-kind donation of utilities.

By way of

disclaimer, we should mention that Kodiak Public Broadcasting received 10-thousand dollars in grant funds this year from the city, as well as nearly 1,000-dollars in in-kind donations for water and sewer services.

Councilman Terry Haines and Mayor Carolyn Floyd expressed their appreciation of the Society's work:

-- (Grants 2 24 sec "I
just want to commend ... lot of people coming in.")

At lat
week's meeting, the Historical Society was also transferred the remaining
34-thousand dollars for Phase Two of the Museum Upgrade Project. Historical
Society Director Katie Oliver explained the project:

-- (Grants 3 59 sec "The
work we're requesting ... collections and exhibits.")

Oliver said
being the lead agency on preservation work at the Erskine House has raised the
Historical Society's status among grantors, and that has positioned it to
secure larger grants in the future.