MEADOWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER
COMMITTEE QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES
8/11/10

1. What programming is offered?
MSCR offers the following summer programming for elementary school-age children at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and at Meadowood Park:

11:30 am -12:15 pm	*Lunch is provided for all youth ages 17 and under. These lunches are provided at no cost to MSCR by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). After lunch, from 12:15-2 pm, the center is only open to elementary school-age children.*
12:15-1:15 pm	*Structured activities are offered for elementary school-age children, including gardening, story time and art projects in collaboration with the Meadowridge Library staff, weekly dance lessons, practice for the end of summer talent show and MSCR staff led arts and crafts, fitness and sports programs.*
1:15-2 pm	*Free choice time for elementary school-age children, include reading program with volunteers, playing board games and table games, computer time, arts & crafts, etc.*
2-5 pm	*Drop-In Meadowood Park Program for elementary school-age children. Beginning at 2 pm the center is only open to middle and high school youth. At this time MSCR staff walk over to Meadowood Park with any elementary school age children remaining at the center. Other elementary school-age children who did not participate in the above activities meet the group at the park. The Meadowood Park program consists of organized and free choice activities led by 3 MSCR staff. Activities include large motor games, sports, arts & crafts, water games and snack.*

2. How are you recruiting participation?
We have a specific summer flyer that includes all youth programming options at the Meadowood Neighborhood Center (MNC). These activities are also printed in the center activity flyer and distributed via email, inserted into the neighborhood newsletters and through families that come to the center. We served 110 unduplicated elementary school-age children through the course of the summer 2010.

3. What is proposal with respect to elementary age programming?
See #1

4. If lunch is included, what about DPI food program reimbursement?
DPI does not charge MSCR for the lunches.

5. What is cost of elementary age programming?
The vast majority of the kids in our program are HUD 1 and HUD 2 families from the Meadowood neighborhood. There is no cost to participate.

6. What program for elementary age from 11:30-2pm?
See question #1

7. Is there room?
This program existed this summer and we rotate age groups through the center daily.

8. Program sounds very loose and needs clarification.
See #1

9. What is the role of parent in the child's program/services?
All participants are required to submit registration forms for the center and emergency contact information prior to attending. Parents are invited to stay with their child if they wish. They are also invited to different culminating events, such as the Talent Show.

10. How will agency know if program is working or valuable?
The goal is to provide supervised activities for the elementary age youth. The kids who participate in our program do not have the ability to attend other programming (transportation, fees or engaged parent). The kids we serve do not have an alternative and are regularly seen wandering the neighborhood and coming in contact with the police. Since the center opened the number of police calls for juvenile related issues has decreased significantly.

11. What other funding is available and what is the total budget?
MSCR funds the staffing and other operation costs for the portion of the program held at the center. We are requesting City funding to cover the staff ($7,000) and operation ($3,000) of the portion of the program in the park. MSCR also covers the cost of center's full-time youth program coordinator who plans and oversees administration of the program.

12. Clarification is needed with regard to service hours and actual service activities this funding request addresses.
As mentioned above, this funding covers the cost of the Meadowood Park Summer Program which runs 3 hours/day, 5 days/week, 8 weeks for a total of 120 service hours.

13. What are the other sources of revenue and/or expenses not cited in the application?
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