City of Carson City Agenda Report



Date Submitted: April 6, 2010 Agenda Date Requested: April 15, 2010

To: Board of Supervisors Time Requested: Consent

From: Joe McCarthy, Office of Business Development

Subject Title: Action to adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$7,000 from the Revolving Fund for the Redevelopment Agency to support the Wild West Tour Evenings of Bliss and Taste of Downtown, as expenses incidental to the carrying out of the redevelopment plan (Joe McCarthy)

Pursuant to NRS 279.628, this Resolution must be adopted by a twothirds vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Staff Summary: On April 5, 2010, the Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee (RACC) recommended approval of funding to expend \$7,000 from the Revolving Fund for the Redevelopment Agency to support the Wild West Tour/Evenings of Bliss Tour (\$2,000), Taste of Downtown (\$5,000), unique special events occurring in this fiscal year. NRS 279.628 permits the expenditure of money from the redevelopment revolving fund for the purpose of any expenses necessary or incidental to the carrying out of the redevelopment plan adopted by the Carson City Board of Supervisors. In addition RACC requested to re-consider Rendezvous's application for \$10,000 at RACC's next meeting on May 3, 2010.

Type of Action Requested: (_X_) Resolution	(check one) () Ordinance	
() Formal Action/Motion Does This Action Require A Busin	Other (Specify)	() Yes (X) No
Does This Action Require A Dusii	less impact statement.	() 1es (_X) 140

Recommended Board Action: I move to adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$7,000 from the Revolving Fund for the Redevelopment Agency to support the Wild West Tour/Evenings of Bliss and Taste of Downtown, as expenses incidental to the carrying out of the redevelopment plan.

Pursuant to NRS 279.628, this Resolution must be adopted by a twothirds vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action See Staff Summary.

Applicable Statue, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: NRS 279.382 – 279.685

Fiscal Impact: \$7,000 has been budgeted this year to support the production and success of this event.

Explanation of Impact: Incidental to redevelopment's overall annual budget

Funding Source: Redevelopment's annual budget for special events

Alternatives: Not approve the funding program, whole or in part

Supporting Material: Application

Prepared By: Eva Chwalisz, Management Assistant

Reviewed By: (Department Head) (City Manager) (District Attorney) (Finance Director)	Date: $\frac{9-6-2010}{4/6/2010}$ Date: $\frac{4/6/2010}{4/6/2010}$ Date: $\frac{4/6}{10}$
Board Action Taken: Motion:	1) Aye/Nay
(Vote Recorded By)	2)

RESOL	.UTION NO.	

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$7,000 FROM THE REVOLVING FUND FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE WILD WEST TOUR/EVENINGS OF BLISS TOUR (\$2,000) AND TASTE OF DOWNTOWN (\$5,000)

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 279.628, the Carson City Board of Supervisors must approve by resolution, adopted by a two-thirds vote, the expenditure of money from the Revolving Fund for the Redevelopment Authority for any expenses incidental to the carrying out of the Redevelopment Plan adopted by the Carson City Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project Area No. 1 encourages redevelopment assistance for daytime and evening special events and promotional activities and the highest level of recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all age levels and thus, there is a causal connection between this redevelopment effort and the need for this expenditure; and

WHEREAS, this incidental expense is necessary to ensure the Redevelopment Plan's objectives have been met; and

WHEREAS, the incidental expense is minor compared to the funds needed for the overall Redevelopment Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carson City Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$7,000 from the Revolving Fund for the Redevelopment Authority for the support the Wild West Tour/Evenings of Bliss Tour (\$2,000) and Taste of Downtown (\$5,000).

Upon motion by Supervisor seconded by Supervisor			_, the foregoing
seconded by Supervisor Resolution was passed a	and adopted t	his day of	
	2010 by the	following vote:	
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	NAYS:		
	ABSENT:		
	ABSTAIN:		
		Robert L. Crowe	
		Carson City, Nev	vada
ATTEST:			
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Alan Glover, Clerk			
Carson City, Nevada			

Consolidated Municipality of Carson City Office of Business Development



Events Program Application

Organization Name:	Date:
Carson City Convention & Vis. Bureau	4/1/10
Organizational Structure (delineate lines of responsibility)	
Organization Mailing Address:	
1900 So. Carson St, Suite 100	
Carson City, NV 89701	
Organization URL Address: visitcarsoncity.co	ym.
Contact Name for Project:	Contact Phone Number:
Candace Duncan	775. 687-7410
Address for Project Contact: Same as above	Contact Fax: 775. 687-7416
	Contact E-mail:
Name of Event	URL of Event:
Summer Ghost Walking Tours	,
Purpose of Organization:	Fax of Event:
To market Carson City as a visitor	same as above
destination	E-mail of Event:
Annual Budget of Organization:	How event vision complies with
See attached	objectives of redevelopment
Last Year Present Year Next Year	agency plan:
Income: \$ \$	See attached
Expenses: \$ \$	Why are redevelopment funds needed?
Reserves: \$ \$	See attached
How long Organization formally organized?	
Event Name:	Project Area: (check
one) SUMMER GHOST WALKING TOURS	• Area #1 • Area #2
Previous Redevelopment Authority Grant Funding Received, If	1240
Year: , amount: Year: , amount: Year: , amount: 2009 \$1500.00	

Year:	, amount:	Year:	, amount:	Year:	, amount:	
Year:	, amount:	Year:	amount	Year:	, amount:	
Event	Director Na	ame:			·	
Event	Director Re	esume: (pl	ease attach)		Event Director Address:	
See	attache	ed				
	Director Pl 75 721-6				Event Director Email:	
Land:	775 687-	-7410			candace@visitcarsonci	ty.com
Exent	Description	and Brie	of Objective	vec.		

SEE ATTACHED

Proof entity has authority to conduct special event.	S	EE ATTACHED	
List all permits at right:			
Total Event Cost	\$	\$	\$
Breakdown: (list at	\$	\$	\$
right)	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$.	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	Total		
Pro Forma Profit and	Revenue	Expense	Reserves
Loss statement for			
Event: (list at right)			
	Total		
Total Estimated Event		\$	
Total Incentive Funds I	Requested	\$2,000.00	
Incentive as a % of total	l project	%	

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

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with explanations regarding the valuation of assets and recognitions of revenues and				
expenses. Corresponding tax returns should also be included.				
Identify current banking relationships and major credit			LIST HER	Œ:
references:				
Estimated Event Comp	letion Date			
Will your organization	benefit from event?		Zes	□ No
If yes, how:				
Will your event	□ Yes	∏ No		
increase business in				
the plan area?			_	_
If yes, how?	<u> </u>			
Define, in detail, the m	arketing and promotional	plan:		
What facilities in the R	edevelopment Plan Area	will be used?		
Are there other events t	aking place at the same t	ime as your eve	ent? If	Describe all
yes, name and define.				partnerships from
				other businesses in
				service of your
				event.
• Expected	Name all vendors	Define how ev	vent will	become totally self
attendance:	and associated	funding?		
	fees.			
Name all team	*Architect /	_		_
members and attach	*Designer			
resumes:				
	*Contractor(s)	_		
	*Attorney			
	*Accountant			
	*Project			
	Manager			
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Your project mi	ist conform to all applica	ble codes, ordi	nances, a	and regulations
- ·	must also be submitted for	_	-	_
beginning work), 10 v 10 v 101 di	i vonues	and signs prior to
oogiming work	•			
Acknowledgen	nent of Application Pro	visions: (please cl	heck each th	nat you acknowledge)
-	project conforms to all ap		, ordinar	nces and regulations, as
well as the common principles for Downtown Carson City.				
All applicable permits will be obtained for this project and all accompanying				
inspections will be successfully completed to receive reimbursement.				
✓ I affirm that I am in good standing with the Consolidated Municipality of Carson City				

Caydace Duncan

2010 Summer Ghost Walking Tours

Tour the historic West side and go back in time with ghosts from the past. Each 90 minute tour will be led by "Madame Curry" portrayed by Mary Bennett of the Bruka Theater Company. Tours will begin at 7pm in front of the former St. Charles Hotel (Firkin & Fox Pub) and features 11 stops highlighted by ghost stories and tales of the Old West. Tours will be held Saturday, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 21 and September 25.

Featured Stops

The Old Globe
The Rinkle Mansion

The Red light District
The Ferris Mansion
The Brewery Arts Center
The Edwards House
The Krebs-Peterson House
Bliss Mansion
Bender House
Jones House
The Curry House

Tours will be limited to 40 people; tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the CCCVB.

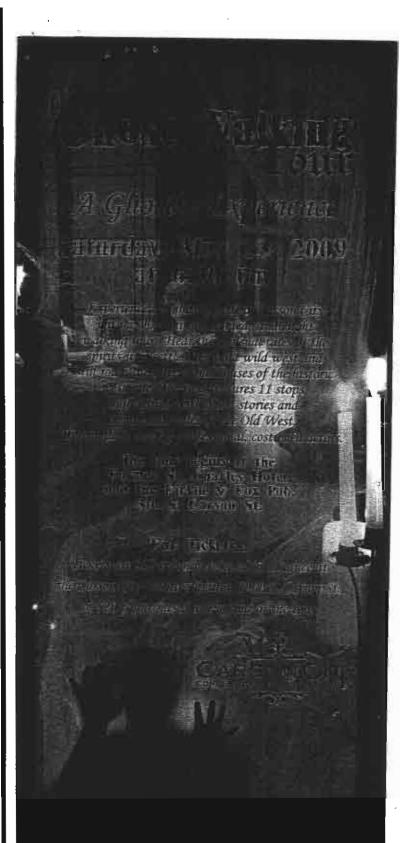
Script Writing/Production \$1000

Props/costumes/refreshments \$500

Actors/Guides \$500

Rack Cards, ads, press releases \$2000

Amount requested from Business Development: \$2000



For more information or Tickets, call 800-Nevada1 or 775-687-7410, or visit www.visitcarsoncity.com



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CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

March 30, 2010

To: Carson City Office of Business Development /Board of Supervisors From: Candace Duncan, Carson City Convention & Visitor Bureau RE: Events Program Application for 2010 Summer Ghost Walks

In 1994 Mary Walker, who was Carson City's Finance Director as well as Director of the Redevelopment Authority, and I collaborated to developed the Kit Carson Trail blue line walking and driving tour. We believed this would be an excellent way to showcase Carson City's unique history and to encourage visitors to actually stop in Carson City and enjoy our downtown businesses. Together we worked to produce a full color blue line map patterned after the Freedom Trail in Boston. In June of 1995 we held the inaugural guided walking tour of the Kit Carson Trail, which we named The Wild West Tour. The purpose of the first walk was to promote the new blue line and the map. It was so successful that we decided to make it an annual event. The following year we moved the tour to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to provide an activity for visitors and locals alike and keep them in town during the holiday. In October of the following year we produced the first Ghost Walk to take advantage of all the wonderful ghost stories we heard while researching the Kit Carson Trail. Over the years we have enjoyed a strong partnership with the Redevelopment Authority in producing these events.

With Redevelopment's financial help we also developed the Talking House program which later turned into the Talking House CD. You have also taken the responsibility of keeping the blue line painted, of side walk maintenance when needed and providing signage for the historic homes featured on the trail.

Our two agencies have been so uniquely intertwined for the past 16 years in the development and production of the guided walks and marketing that I find it difficult at times to separate our individual contributions and responsibilities. It has been a successful partnership that has resulted in a well known, integral part of Carson City's image. The Kit Carson Trail is now one of our community's most famous attractions.

While several different promoters have been contracted to help with the logistics of the guided walks, it has always been our understanding that the CCCVB would work with the promoter to provide the marketing expertise and staff time to arrange for volunteers, guides, costumes, scripts, maps, routes, themes, etc. We have always charged for tickets and that money has always gone to Redevelopment to help off set the costs of producing the walks. We have relied on Redevelopment funding to pay the balance.

TOUR, TASTE, PLAY, STAY.

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Joy Evans, the CCCVB Special Events Manager, was brought in to help coordinate the two walks abut 7 years ago. She has been with the CCCVB for over 20 years. She also helps produce the Silver Dollar Car Classic and the Carson City Rendezvous. I think it is important to remember that these events were created to promote Carson City as a destination and to bring locals as well as visitors to events that would benefit our local merchants and lodging properties as well as our community in general.

Ms. Evans recruits 25-50 volunteers from the community to serve as guides and docents for the guided walking tours. Mary Bennett, a former Carson City resident and professional actress from the Bruka Theater Company in Reno, provides the actors and the scripts for each walk. She is paid for this service. Kevin Ray has also been on a contract as the representative for the Redevelopment Authority to help Ms. Evans coordinate obtaining permission to tour participating historic homes, provide lunches for the volunteers, and work on planning the routes for each tour. I have served as the oversight for these efforts, I plan and implement all of the marketing, help train guides and I dress up in costume and guide one or two tours twice a year for the past 16 years. I have been the Executive Director of the CCCVB for 19 years.

Our October Ghost Walk has always been very successful and usually sells out. However, the Wild West Tour has struggled over the years. In 2008 we changed the name to the Spring Ghost Walk, hoping that it would draw more attendees, but it did not. In 2009 we changed the event to two lantern lit evening tours, one at 4pm for families and one at 7pm for adults. The tour was called "An Evening of Bliss" and premiered on May 23. We also had tours the first three weekends in August. For the four evenings we sold approximately 120 tickets at \$15 -\$20 each.

This summer we plan to have 5 summer Ghost Walks, Saturday, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 21 and September 25. They will start at the Firkin and Fox at 7 pm. The price will be \$15 for adults if purchased in advance, \$20 at the door, expected attendance is between 25 and 40 for each tour. All tours will be led by Mary Bennett in character as "Madame Curry". We plan to have one open historic home per tour. One additional actor may be included

All tours will be historic and focus on ghostly experiences and stories. We are requesting \$2000 to be used for marketing, fliers, posters and a web site. Ticket sales will pay for expenses, with any excess to be used for the 2011 season.

I hope that the CCCVB and the Redevelopment Authority can continue our partnership in bringing quality events that showcase our beautiful historic district and our attractive downtown. It would be most beneficial if we could develop a line item with in the Redevelopment budget that would allow us to continue our Ghost Walk in October as well as our spring walk and also provide funds for us to use to provide special guided walks to groups and conventions planning to come to Carson City. These activities enhance our image and benefit all of Carson City.

Thank you for your time.

Consolidated Municipality of Carson City Office of Business Development



Events Program Application

Organization Name:	Date:	
Advocates To End Domestic Violence	The Taste of DownTown will be	
Advocates to End Domestic violence	Saturday, June 19, 2010	
Organizational Structure (delineate lines of responsibility)	Saturday, June 19, 2010	
Executive Director is responsible for the agency and		
the Taste of DownTown event		
Organization Mailing Address: Post Office Box 2529, Carson City, Nevada 89702		
Fost Office Box 2329, Carson City, Nevada 69702		
Organization IIDI Address varyay andy ara		
Organization URL Address: www.aedv.org	Contact Phone Number:	
Contact Name for Project: Lisa Lee, Executive Director	883-7654	
Address for Project Contact:	Contact Fax:	
Same	883-0364	
Same	Contact E-mail:	
Name of Event	carsonadvocates@aol.com	
	URL of Event:	
Taste of DownTown	www.tasteofdowntowncarson.com	
Purpose of Organization:	Fax of Event:	
To provide support services and shelter to victims of	Same	
domestic violence and or sexual assault.	E-mail of Event:	
	Same	
Annual Budget of Organization:	How event vision complies with	
Total Warms Decreed Warms Name Name	objectives of redevelopment	
Last Year Present Year Next Year Income: \$966,055 \$ 920,000 \$920,000	agency plan:	
Income: \$966,055_ \$_920,000 \$920,000	The Taste of DownTown brings	
Expenses: \$692.446 \$ 745.000 \$750.000	attention and focus to the	
Expenses: \$683,446_ \$_745,000 \$750,000	downtown area.	
Reserves: \$282,609 \$175,000 \$170,000		
Reserve funds are restricted toward the future	Why are redevelopment funds	
purchase of shelter facilities – currently Advocates	needed?	
rents five properties for shelter, transitional housing	Funding will be used to offset the	
and office space.	costs of hosting the event.	
How long Organization formally organized?	Total of Modeling wife Credit.	
Founded in 1979 and incorporated in 1981		
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Event Name:	
Taste of DownTown (first Taste was hosted	d in 1994)
	Project Area: (check one)
	• Area #1X
Durvieus Dedevelopment Authority Court Fundi	• Area #2
Previous Redevelopment Authority Grant Fundin Year: 2009, amount:\$5,000	ig Received, it any:
	amount:\$2,800 Year:2002, amount:\$2,800
Year:2007, amount:\$2,800 Year:2004,	amount:\$2,800 Year:2001, amount:\$2,800
Year:2006, amount:\$2,800 Year: _2003	, amount:\$2,800 Year:2000, amount:\$2,800
Event Director Name: Lisa Lee	
Event Director Resume: (please attach)	Event Director Address:
N/A	Same
Event Director Phone:	Event Director Email:
Cell: 745-0174	Same
Land: 883-7654	
Event Description and Brief Objectives:	
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The Taste of DownTown will offer 2 000 tig	cket holders the opportunity of strolling, along

The Taste of DownTown will offer 2,000 ticket holders the opportunity of strolling along historic downtown streets, sampling the faire of 35+ area restaurants, enjoying 8 live bands and participating in a unique community event that raises funds for the emergency shelter, awareness of the renovated downtown area, and a marketing opportunity for local businesses.

Proof entity has					
authority to conduct					
special event.		* A \$2,000,000 insurance policy will be			
-		provided through Philadelphia Insurar			
List all permits at		Company. * We will be obtaining a "short-term" permit from the City allowing the event			
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		carry open containers			
		* We have obtained an "agreement for			
		use" permit required t	•		
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		to use the Laxalt Park	and Attorney		
		Generals parking lot.			
		* We will be applyin	_		
		Department of Transp			
		street closures which	_		
		off on by the Carson S	•		
		These are all permits			
		previously received to	host the event.		
Total Event Cost	\$64,750	\$ 3,000 (insurance)			
	\$6,800	***	\$		
Breakdown: (list at right)		40.400	\$		
	\$	\$9,600 (restaurants)			
	\$	\$2,800 (bands)	\$		
	\$	\$2,300 (advertising)	\$		
		\$1,600 (t-shirts)			
		\$400 (sani-huts)			
		\$400 (dumpsters)			
		\$300 (trolleys)			
		\$1,450 (supplies)			
		\$85.00 (permits)			
		\$1,200 (clean-up)			
	\$	\$250 (electrician)	\$		
	Total \$71,550				
Pro Forma Profit	Revenue	Expense	Reserves		
and Loss statement	Ticket Sells	Insurance	Funds raised are		
for Event: (list at right)	1,850 @ \$35 each	\$2,000,000 policy	used to provide		
	150 tickets are given	required to use City	programs for		
	to volunteers	& State property	victims		

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	Including funding	Tickets, po	sters,		
	from Redevelopment	volunteer			
		information	n, vendo	rs.	
		Restauran	t		
		Reimburse	ement		
		.50 per tast	e		
		Bands			
		Advertisin	g		
		T-shirts			
		\$10.66 x 15	50		
		volunteers			
		Sani - Hut	<u>s</u>		
		Dumpsters	8		
		Trolley			
		Supplies			
		Duct tape,			
		can/bags, b			
		clip boards	, gas,		
		water, etc.			
		Permits			
		Clean – up			
		Hired help			
		trash and cl	lean		
		streets			
		Electrician			
		Needed to			
		outdoor res			
	Total	0 414001 105			
Total Estimated Event		\$24,335			
Total Incentive Funds		\$5,000		<u> </u>	
Incentive as a % of tot	_	6.9%			
Incontive as a 70 of to	ar project	0.570			
Attach current financi	ial statements including	a balance sh	neet and	profit and loss	
	ations regarding the val				
_	s. Corresponding tax re			-	
Agency audit and 990's	has been provided to the	e City for con	sideratio	on during the rece	nt
Block Grant hearings.		_		·	
Identify current banki	ing relationships and m	ajor credit	LIST HOE	RE:	
	is a 501 c (3) non profit.				
_	licies, the agency has an				
_	thly financial statements,				
	e certification from Unite				
Estimated Event Com	pletion Date: June 19, 20	010			
Will your organization	1 benefit from event?	XX Yes		□ No_	

If yes, how: Revenue raised will enable the shelter to continue to provide safe emergency housing to victims of domestic violence and their children as well as raise awareness to the issues of family violence and the services available in our community to families fleeing abusive homes. Will your event XX Yes increase business in the plan area? If yes, how? By brining over 2,000+ people into the downtown area and providing a venue for local businesses, restaurants, and shops to showcase their faire and products. Define, in detail, the marketing and promotional plan: Local media will be used along with posters, internet, and mailers. What facilities in the Redevelopment Plan Area will be used? Telegraph Square, Curry Street, Laxult Park, Carson Mall, and 3rd Street. Many of the involved restaurants have benefited from Redevelopment funding. Are there other events taking place at the same time as your Describe all event? If yes, name and define. partnerships from Not that we are aware of. other businesses in service of your event. Over 35 restaurants and 8+ downtown shops will be participating in the Taste of DownTown. Expected Name all Define how event will become totally self **funding?** The size of the event is limited by attendance: vendors and 2,000 tickets holders associated fees. the number of ticket holders restaurants can with an additional 33 to 37 restaurants accommodate. Annually, the cost of hosting the event has risen, but the number of tickets 2,000+ non-ticket will participate, sold can not. The cost of tickets needs to holders attending. receiving reimbursement of .50 remain reasonably priced in order to be able to be sold. To keep the costs down, existing per taste. staff and volunteers organize and work the event reducing the need to hire a promoter and work crews. Name all team *Architect / N/A members and attach *Designer resumes: N/A *Contractor(s) *Attorney *Accountant

*Project Manager Your project must conform to all applicable codes, ordinances, and regulations Shop drawings must also be submitted for review for all venues and signs prior to beginning work. N/A Acknowledgement of Application Provisions: (please check each that you acknowledge) X I affirm that this project conforms to all applicable codes, ordinances and regulations, as well as the common principles for Downtown Carson City. X All applicable permits will be obtained for this project and all accompanying inspections will be successfully completed to receive reimbursement. X I affirm that I am in good standing with the Consolidated Municipality of Carson City with respect to taxes, fees, loans or other financial obligations to the City. X If this event is selected for an incentive from the Consolidated Municipality of Carson City, I acknowledge that photographs of my event may be used in promotional materials for Downtown Carson City. Date: March 24, 2010 Applicants Signature *Note: ALL project related invoices must be submitted for review at conclusion of the project prior to reimbursement. In addition, approved copies of required City building, sign and other permits must be submitted as a condition of reimbursement and in order for any and all liens to be released. (For Internal Use Only) Date Application Approved: Event Commenced: Event Completed: Reimbursement Request submitted to Finance Department Reimbursement remitted to Applicant

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Advocates to End Domestic Violence

P.O. Box 2529 ■ Carson City, NV 89702 ■ (775) 883-7654 ■ Fax (775) 883-0364

March 28, 2010

Carson City Redevelopment Joe McCathy 201 North Carson Street, Suite #2 Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Joe:

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for continual funding from the Office of Business Development (OBD) to host the 17thTaste of DownTown. As you may remember, we began the Taste with two goals in mind: to raise needed funds for the shelter and to increase awareness of the changing downtown. In 1994, the downtown area had suffered through years of neglect, with shabby store fronts and vacant buildings. A new restaurant had opened in the back of Mo & Sluggo's called the Wild Scallion. It was after having lunch there that I began to notice the life that was slowly coming back into the surrounding streets, and had the idea for the Taste. I felt that there needed to be a vehicle to entice people downtown again in order to encourage new businesses. The Taste was the perfect venue to get people out of their cars, walking from restaurant to restaurant, and having the time to appreciate the historic buildings and the opportunity that could be Carson City.

That first year, the Taste had seven restaurants, 1 live band, and a horse drawn wagon carting ticket holders from 3rd street to Telegraph Square. The event was a hit, selling all 500 tickets. Before that time, we had hosted every type of fundraiser from golf tournaments to craft shows, but the Taste was able to get people involved and excited in a way that we had never experienced with any other event. Ticket holders enjoyed strolling along Curry Street, discovering new places to eat, finding little shops, meeting friends and neighbors on every corner, and dancing in the soft summer breeze.

From these humble beginnings grew the Taste of DownTown, an evening that has become a staple in Carson City's calendar of events. This year, the Taste will host 35+ restaurants, offer 8 live bands, and sell 2,000 tickets. Ticket sales are limited by participating restaurants, which are challenged to prepare food for such a large number in a short time frame. The funds we receive through OBD allow us to provide a wide range of entertainment from rock n' roll to blue glass as well as contributes toward the reimbursement paid to restaurants. In order to off-set a portion of the expense that restaurants incur to participate, \$.50 cents per taste is provided. This event not only helps to ensure that the shelter doors remain open, but it is also a remarkable marketing tools for businesses and the City of Carson.

Funding provided through OBD is essential to maintaining the quality and quantity of live entertainment that is a contributing draw to the success of the Taste of DownTown. Without the support of this funding, it would be necessary to reduce the number of bands, as well as restrict the reimbursement offered to the restaurants which could limit the number of participating establishments.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lee

Executive Director

