

**RESOLUTION NO. 8400**

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Larry Wolgast, authorizing funds from the special alcohol and drug program to be allocated to support the Topeka Youth Project’s 2012 Jobs for Young Adults program.

WHEREAS, the Topeka Youth Project has requested funding from the special alcohol and drug programs fund (alcohol fund) for its Jobs for Young Adults (JYA) program; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 79-41a04(d) authorizes the governing body to expend such funds for the establishment of programs “whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Topeka Youth Project is to empower youth “to become productive and responsible adults by providing constructive opportunities to prevent high risk behaviors; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out the mission of the Topeka Youth Project, the JYA program, initiated in 1982, was created to address the issue of substance abuse among young people; and

WHEREAS, the JYA program is a 32 hour job readiness workshop for youth, ages 16-20, of which 23 hours consist of drug/alcohol education focusing on the problems of alcohol/drug users in the workplace, drug testing as a barrier to employment, self-assessments on drug/alcohol use, avoiding negative behaviors, such as drug/alcohol use, and making good choices; and

WHEREAS, the JYA program outcomes indicate an 80% increase in drug/alcohol knowledge in participants; and

WHEREAS, the JYA program has been recognized by the U.S. Department of

27 Health & Human Services as a national model focusing on substance abuse in the  
28 workplace; and

29 WHEREAS, the City of Topeka has funded the JYA program, through the use of its  
30 alcohol fund, since 2002; and

31 WHEREAS, the Community Resources Council has recommended the approval of  
32 the use of alcohol funds for the JYA program.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
34 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the principal purpose of the Jobs for Young Adults  
35 program is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education. As such, the program  
36 meets the statutory requirement for funding through the special alcohol and drug programs  
37 fund. In accordance with the recommendation of the Community Resources Council,  
38 \$58,000.00 is allocated from the special alcohol and drug programs fund to the Topeka  
39 Youth Project for its Jobs for Young Adults program for 2012

40 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body January 3, 2012

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk