



**AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**

**DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**  
**DIRECTOR: STEPHEN HARSIN**

**Consent**    **Discussion**

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of First Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and Ethel-Willia, Inc. to reduce the time period required to meet a CDBG National Objective for a project known as Smart Start Child Care Center located at 1260 West Owens Avenue, Ward 5 (Barlow)

**Fiscal Impact**

- No Impact**    **Augmentation Required**  
 **Budget Funds Available**

**Amount:**  
**Funding Source:**  
**Dept./Division:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

On November 11, 2003 and October 17, 2007, the City entered into agreements with Ethel-Willia, Inc. to provide affordable child care services which meet CDBG National Objectives. Research indicated that some of our CDBG Agreements have time periods exceeding the HUD requirements for a National Objective. Some agreements even require agencies to maintain the National Objective in perpetuity. This amendment will provide an equitable National Objective period for the funds placed on the Smart Start buildings and land.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the amended agreement and authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all related agreements and documents required for the project.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. First Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Agreement By and Between the City of Las Vegas and Ethel-Willia, Inc.
2. First Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Agreement By and Between the City of Las Vegas and Ethel-Willia, Inc. dba Smart Start Child Care Center

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Hold in abeyance to 10/1/2008

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0  
RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN,  
GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None);  
(Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

**Minutes:**

STEVE HARSIN, Director of Neighborhood Services, stated that the City had entered into agreements with Ethel-Willia, Inc. to provide affordable child care services that met the

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Objectives. He explained that research had indicated that some of the City's CDBG Agreements had time periods which exceeded the HUD requirements. This item would clarify the contracts between Smart Start and the City and match the City's CDBG Objectives with the HUD National Objectives.

ANTHONY SNOWDEN stated some of the information has not been related. He is aware of the long process and appreciates the amendment. He felt it would be best to abate the waiting period, as the proper purposes are in place and no necessary to set restrictions.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW questioned if there would be an impact on the City if they were to move forward with the abatement. MR. WHITWRIGHT, Development Manager of Neighborhood Services, stated there are six allocations in assistance. He believed MR. SNOWDEN was referring to the final agreement and the balance of \$225,210 of CDBG funds. They would have no obligation to the City to provide childcare services to individuals after the 2010 expiration, but they can continue to operate.

MAYOR GOODMAN asked if the City Attorney's Office was aware of this issue. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEINER believed the agreement was more favorable to the grantee and the item can be stricken if the Council desired to do so. COUNCILMAN BARLOW preferred to abate the item to schedule an appointment with counsel and representatives.

