City of Lawrence, Kansas

2007 Outside Agency Funding Request Form

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AGENCY NAME: Lawrence City Band Inc.

PROJECT /ACTIVITY NAME: Free Band Concerts

CONTACT PERSON: Barbara Kelly

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PHONE NUMBER: 785-742-2564
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$12,317

When does the fiscal year for the program being funded begin? January 1,

Has your organization received funding from the City previously? Yes

If so, what was the source and amount of funding received? \$8,000 in 2006

from the Special Recreation Fund

Description/Justification (Using 300 words or fewer, describe the program for which funding is being requested, the importance of the program and why City funding is needed.)

The summer concerts by the Lawrence City Band are one of the most unique and popular traditions of this community. The audiences for these concerts average well over 1,000 people per concert, and the larger crowds will exceed 2,000. The Flag Ceremony at each concert involves a cross section of our population, and participation includes groups from the Boy Scouts, Law Enforcement or Firefighter color guards, and various veterans groups.

The Lawrence City Band is comprised of 65 excellent musicians from Lawrence and the surrounding area, who perform concerts for the City. In addition to their regular summer series of 8 concerts, the group performed for the Sesquicentennial programs, and it performs for the City of Lawrence Birthday Celebrations. The first concert of the year is usually for Art in the Park, and the musicians perform this program for free as a gift to the City.

One reason for the band's success is the quality and variety of the music presented, and the high quality of the performance itself. This quality is possible because we are able to attract and keep outstanding performers. All of the players do not get paid, however a nucleus of outstanding players are paid. This makes a difference! If we are to maintain this quality, we need to increase the support of our musicians. This is the only area of our budget that we anticipate increasing in the immediate future. We need to be able to pay more players.

One of the results of this high quality presentation is the growing number of audience members who come to Lawrence every Wednesday evening from Topeka and Kansas City to enjoy a relaxed, pleasant evening in downtown Lawrence, and to savor the quality and the ambiance of this community.

The Lawrence City Band concerts are presented by the City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department with assistance from the Rice Foundation.

This request should be supported (maximum of three pages) with the following information:

- 1. Description of funding support received from all other sources such as the United Way, Douglas County, USD 497, state/federal grants and private funding.
- 2. Total budget for the agency, number of personnel, and how the requested funding would be used (e.g., personnel, equipment, material, etc.).
- 3. Does the agency anticipate the need to request funding beyond 2007?

Additional information may be provided within the **three (3) page limit**. Submit this form and any additional supporting material electronically by April 10, 2006 to Debbie Van Saun, Asst. City Manager, via email to: dvansaun@ci.lawrence.ks.us

Description of Funding Support from Other Sources

1. The Rice Foundation – an essential part of our budget. 2006 = \$6,000

Donations and Contributions

- 2. The University of Kansas Dept. of Music and Dance provides rehearsal facilities, music stands, percussion instruments, and music from their library at no charge to the band.
- 3. Lawrence Public Schools provides music stands for the concerts in the South Park gazebo.
- 4. Individuals in the community sometimes make contributions for commissioning and/or purchasing new music, like LAWRENCE SESQUICENTENNIAL MARCH, and JUBILATION OVERTURE, both written for the Sesquicentennial, and presented as part of the celebration of the first 150 years of the City of Lawrence. Following their premier performance by the Lawrence City Band at the Lawrence Sesquicentennial celebration, both works were published with the "Lawrence dedication", and are being performed by bands not only in America, but throughout the world.
- 5. The City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department continue to help whenever and however they can.
- 6. Every member of the band makes a contribution every time they play in Lawrence. For members who drive in from out of town, their car expenses and a quick meal cost them more than the \$30 that they are paid.

Also, most of the professional players in the gazebo earn more than twice to three times as much anytime they play anywhere else (like in church).

FUNDING BEYOND 2007

It is anticipated that there will continue to be concerts in the park in Lawrence for the foreseeable future. For this tradition to continue, the funding will need to continue.

LAWRENCE CITY BAND 2007 BUDGET REQUEST

PERSONNEL:

60 paid musicians @ \$30 for 8 concerts and 8 rehearsals	\$14,400
Conductor: 8 concerts & 8 rehearsals + Art In The Park	1080
Soloists for concerts	180
Librarian: 9 concerts & 8 rehearsals	270
Announcer: 8 concerts	240
Band Manager/Secretary/Treasurer: 9 concerts	240
Technical Engineer/Sound System person: 8 concerts	240
Fireworks for final concert	140
Miscellaneous (stamps, postage, photocopying, phone, etc.)	100
Clown for the Children's Concert	100
State Corporation fee	40
Equipment repair	100
Music Replacement (@ \$55 to \$100 per selection)	877
Programs for summer concert series	100
Membership in professional organization: Association of Concert Bands 50	
Assistance to help set up and put away equipment	160
Total Budget Request for 2007	\$18, 317.00
Less \$6,000 from the Rice Foundation	-\$6,000.00
(If the band receives \$6,000 from the Rice Foundation as in '06))	
Total Budget Request from City of Lawrence for '07	\$12,317.00