REQUEST FOR INTEREST: *McNamara Park Community Center*

OVERVIEW:

Merced is seeking a qualified non-profit group or organization to operate and provide programming primarily for youth at the McNamara Park Community Center. The City will provide the use of the building at no cost to the provider, and will pay up to $7,500 a year in utility costs.

The City is open to a wide variety of youth-oriented programming at the site that could include, but is not limited to:

> Safe Haven After School program, youth center, enrichment classes, teen parenting classes, job training, educational assistance and other programming to serve the residents of Merced.

THE SITE:

The Community Center is located at McNamara Park, 1040 Canal St., a community park with playground, picnic, multi-use grass playing field, two artificial turf fields, a pool, basketball court, and a splash pad. The park recently underwent an extensive $2.6 million renovation. (The pool and the Community Center were not part of the grant.) The Community Center is located in an ethnically and culturally diverse neighborhood.

The Community Center is an approximately 2,240-square-foot facility with three large multi-purpose rooms, restrooms, a kitchen and office space.

The building will receive new carpet and flooring, window blinds, drinking fountain and other repairs and upgrades by the City. There may be minor work that needs to be performed by the provider, and the City will reimburse the cost of supplies. Any work that requires a licensed contractor will be performed by the City.

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QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

In order to give maximum flexibility to the winning provider, a group can submit an application individually or jointly with other groups. Qualifications and requirements for the successful provider:

- 501 (c)3 status tax status with the Internal Revenue Service
- $1 million insurance policy naming the City as beneficiary
- Have been in existence for at least 6 months.

Operation after school and during summer vacation is expected, and additional hours of programming throughout the day, at night and on weekends is desirable.

The provider who is awarded the contract will be expected to perform the routine cleaning and maintenance of the facility at their expense. The provider also is expected to provide a monthly report of activities to the City.

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come basis and evaluated to ensure they meet the City's requirements and qualifications. In the event of competing applications, groups will be encouraged to form a joint application.

The deadline for Request for Interest applications is noon, Thursday, July 31, 2014.
(The deadline may be extended if there are no qualified applicants.)

APPLY NOW

Applications may be picked up at the City of Merced Parks and Recreation Department office in the Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th St., Merced between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information on the Center, contact Mike Conway, Assistant to the City Manager/Parks and Recreation, at 209-385-6232.

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Use additional paper if necessary

Proposers name of organization:_____

Additional proposers:_____

Proposer address/es:_____

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Name of person filling out this form:_____

Telephone number:_____ Fax number:_____

Email address:_____

Web page:_____

Initial year of operation/s:_____

501 (c) 3 number/s (list for all partners):_____

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Details of proposed programming:_____

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How will you measure the success and accomplishments of your program(s)?_____

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Proposed days/hours of operation:_____

Will provider obtain $1 million insurance with the City of Merced as beneficiary? _____

I swear that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge:

NAME_____DATE_____

Please return completed application to the Parks and Recreation Department, 678 W. 18th St. Merced during regular business hours. The deadline is noon, Thursday, July 31, 2014. If you have questions, please contact Mike Conway, Assistant to the City Manager/Parks and Recreation at 209-385-6232.