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

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

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

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

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body January 3, 2012

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk