

**CITY OF GAUTIER  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Samantha Abell, City Manager  
**From:** Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager  
**Through:** Jeremy Thames, Cultural Services Director  
**Date:** May 13, 2015  
**Subject:** Authorization to submit an Equipment Grant Application to USA Football

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**REQUEST:**

The Gautier Cultural Services Department requests City Council authorization to submit an application for a Football Equipment Grant to USA Football.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Gautier Cultural Services Division successfully implemented a Youth Football League in the fall of 2013 and 2014 for ages 5 through 12. While the City received a \$1,000 grant from USA Football last year, the Youth League has additional equipment needs that could benefit from this equipment grant.

**DISCUSSION:**

The USA Football Equipment Grants are awarded based on need and merit as well as an organization's participation and compliance within Heads Up Football. Grants are awarded in \$500 to \$1,500 credits and are distributed in the form of product credit with Riddell. Credits must be applied to new orders and may be used to purchase specific football equipment available within the equipment grant program (helmets, shoulder pads, blocking dummies, etc.). Pricing on equipment grant goods has been negotiated by USA Football to ensure that grantees get the best value. Grant applications must be submitted online by May 31, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Cultural Services Department recommends that City Council authorize the submission of an application for the USA Football Equipment Grant.

The City Council may:

1. authorize submission of an application for the USA Football Equipment Grant as described above; or
2. disapprove submission of an application for the USA Football Equipment Grant funding.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A