

**Background:**

A Request for Proposals (RFPs) was released February 12, 2010 for applications to establish a second African American Family Support Conference modeled after the nationally recognized Central Texas African American Family Support Conference in an area of the state outside of Central Texas. Three applications were received for this project. Planning Coordinator Joanna Cordry will review recommendations from the review panel concerning those applications.

During the May Council meeting, a few Council members expressed a desire to be more involved in the grant review and selection process. The Committee of the Whole will discuss this issue further and may decide to revise the procedures for reviewing and approving future projects. This RFP to establish a second African American Family Support Conference in the state was announced prior to those discussions during May meetings. Information provided with the RFP indicated that the proposals would be reviewed by an independent review panel and that the Council expected to finalize decisions about proposals in August. The Executive Committee may discuss whether to continue with this review using the current process or to defer decisions should the Council choose to modify the review process.

**Executive Committee****Agenda Item 10.****Expected Action:**

The Executive Committee will review recommendations from the review panel and may make final decisions concerning these applications.

**Council****Agenda Item 15. D.****Expected Action:**

The Council will receive a report from the Executive Committee concerning this discussion and any actions taken.