



**MEMORANDUM**  
**Martin Luther King Center**

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To: Thomas Thomas, City Manager  
Date: February 2, 2012  
Subject: Martin Luther King Center repayment of unused grant funds

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In June of 2011, the King Center was made aware of funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources available to employ youth during the summer. The King center applied and received an award exceeding the amount requested. While attempting to expend all the funds, the King Center was not able to do so due to the grant restrictions on eligibility and the potential to create inequity in pay rates.

The King Center employed 5 youth ages 16 -19 expending \$10,078.45 of the \$15,000 award. This grant helped to serve over 220 youth during the summer with:

- Swimming lessons
- Reading assistance
- Basketball
- A journalism project
- Team building games
- A service learning project
- Field trips
- Nutrition courses
- A daily lunch
- Science projects
- Musical demonstrations
- ...and many more activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve payment to Illinois Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$ 4,921.55

**Vendor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**Payment Amount:** \$ 4,921.55

**Accounts Chargeable:** 901-356921-53111-5332227

**Requisition #:**003025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Gerald Jones, Martin Luther King Jr. Center Executive Director

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**APPROVED:** Thomas Thomas, City Manager