

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-12-070R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY SUPPORT FOR THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
COMMUNITY BID PACKAGE TO ATTRACT THE IHSA BOYS BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT TO STATE FARM CENTER

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana recognizes the value of the Illinois High School Association' s (IHSA) long record of supporting interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience; and

WHEREAS, the IHSA Boys Basketball State Final tournament recognizes the extensive training, practice, and self-discipline required of individuals and celebrates the teamwork and fan support required to advance to the finals; and

WHEREAS, the financial success of the IHSA Boys Basketball State Final tournament allows the IHSA to fund statewide competitions in non-revenue generating sports and activities including Scholastic Bowl, Music, Debate, Chess, and Drama; and

WHEREAS, such financial success depends in part on participation by host communities to provide a welcoming environment that will encourage return visits; and

WHEREAS, the IHSA Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to underprivileged high school students who plan on attending a college or university, and for women and minorities who plan to enter the teaching and coaching profession; and

WHEREAS, upon a successful bid, businesses in the City may benefit from increased tourism dollars and residents may benefit from increased income; and

WHEREAS, the City budget will be minimally impacted, with expected revenue generated by tournament tourism offsetting City contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. For support of the bid package, the City will plan and budget to expend an amount of \$5,000 each year that the IHSA

Boys Basketball State Final tournament is held at State Farm Center on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, from the years 2016 to 2020 for a total of five years, designated for the IHSA Foundation.

Section 2. City staff will make reasonable attempts to coordinate City marketing and welcoming efforts with promotional efforts of partner organizations and communities.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ___ day of December, 2014.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this == day of December, 2014.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor