



## City of Rochelle Economic Development

### Memo

**To: Dave Plyman**

**From: Jason Anderson**

**Date: June 15, 2015**

**Re: Subsidy for Fairways Golf Course Operations**

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Over the past two years the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation, GREDCO, has been under contract with the City of Rochelle and the Flagg - Rochelle Park District to provide oversight of the maintenance and operations of the Fairways Golf Course and Banquet facilities which the City and the Park District purchased two years ago. Since taking over the oversight of the facilities, GREDCO has closely monitored the cash flow of the golfing operation and has come to realize, that at the present level of activity, the course is not generating enough revenue to cover the cost of operations. GREDCO has subsidized the golf course operations over the past two years. Financial support for the golf course, from the City, will be necessary for the course to remain open for the rest of the current year. GREDCO has requested the same level of support from the Flagg-Rochelle Park District.

The staff recommends that City Manager be authorized to allocate \$50,000 from Community Development funds for the sole purpose of maintaining the operations of Fairways Golf course for the current fiscal year. Representatives from GREDCO are on hand to answer questions.