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AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Department of Human Services
Date: September 28, 2004

Re: Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate grant funds from the City of Berkeley in the amount estimated at \$14,825 and the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount estimated at \$40,289 for the Senior Companion Program for the fiscal year 2004-2005

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate two Senior Companion Program grants in the amounts estimated at \$14,825 and \$40,289. The grants are funded from the City of Berkeley and the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging. The two grants are scheduled to begin effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The two grants will expand Senior Companion volunteer opportunities to assist caregivers and their care receivers who are frail and socially isolated senior family members.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of these grants will have no adverse impact on the City. These grants will be appropriated to Fund 2128 (Department of Human Services) in Organization 75241 (Senior Companion Program Unit). The FY 2004-05 Adopted Policy Budget also includes a 10 percent General Fund match to support the Senior Companion Program.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Senior Companion Program is to provide meaningful part-time volunteer opportunities for income-eligible residents in the City of Oakland. The Senior Companion volunteers offer supportive person-to-person services to Oakland's frail and elderly residents with the purpose of helping them remain independent in their homes and community.

The Senior Companion Program is beginning its twenty-seventh year of operation, effective July 26, 2004 since the passage of the City Council's first Resolution No.56572 C.M.S., dated July 26, 1977. The program has grown to support over 120 Senior Companion volunteers.

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Senior Companion Program operates under Federal guidelines in which the administration of the program services requires that volunteers perform certified activities as specified in the Federal Register.

The Senior Companion Program provides approximately 120 low-income seniors with opportunities to assist frail and socially isolated elders. Senior Companion volunteers strengthen the community by providing support and care to 400 elderly persons in jeopardy of being institutionalized. Senior volunteers are assigned to community-based organizations for supervision and placement with family caregivers and elderly clients who have limited resources and supports.

The grants serve a dual purpose for family caregivers and care recipients. Volunteers identify community supports to assist family caregivers who are burdened with the daily responsibilities of elder care and limited resources. These grants provide for twelve additional Senior Companion volunteers to assist approximately 50 family caregivers and 20 elderly recipients. The role of the volunteer is central in addressing quality of life issues for family caregivers and elderly residents in the City of Oakland.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The grants are funded under the Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III E- Supportive Services section of the National Family Caregiver Support Program. The California Department of Aging administers Title III E funds through Alameda County Area Agency on Aging (AAA). In turn, the City of Oakland made application directly to the AAA and collaborated with the City of Berkeley to provide supportive assistance to family caregivers. The City of Berkeley's grant allows for the expansion of volunteer opportunities. The use of Senior Companion volunteers enhances the objectives of Title III E programming as specified by the City of Berkeley and the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging.

The grants will fund volunteer support expenditures including stipends, meals, transportation, liability insurance, finger printing, recognition, and other allowable expenses.

Volunteers must serve a minimum of fifteen (15) hours a week to receive a stipend (non-taxable/exempt contribution) of \$2.65 per hour. A volunteer may serve up to 1044 hours annually. Other nominal contributions to defray the personal expenses of a low-income volunteer wanting to serve his/her community include a small contribution towards lunch and transportation (bus and /or auto expenses).

The City of Berkeley will fund four (4) Senior Companions to assist the elderly who reside in the northern area of Oakland and Berkeley. Senior Companion volunteers will provide respite to caregivers as assigned and supervised by professional staff at the South Berkeley Senior Center. Volunteers, under the supervision of a social worker, will complete care plans. The care plans will specify the areas of support as performed by each volunteer for both the caregiver and care receiver.

Senior Companions will provide respite for the caregiver and assist the care receiver who is frail and elderly. The care receiver benefits by having a volunteer to provide regular companionship activities: light meal preparation, some personal care, escorting to medical and social appointments, reading, writing and/or sitting with the care receiver (i.e. respite for the caregiver).

The Alameda County Area Agency on Aging grant (Title III-E) will fund six (6) Senior Companions and two (2) Team Leaders (volunteers) to assist caregivers who are responsible for at-risk and high-risk elderly and disabled adult family members. Case Managers (i.e. Social Workers/Nurses) will supervise Senior Companion volunteers in the following programs: Multipurpose Senior Service Program, Linkages and South Berkeley Senior Center. Senior Companions will be assigned to caregivers to provide respite and to assist the at-risk clients. The City of Oakland's Senior Companion Program will supervise a Senior Companion Team Leader to coordinate the placement and tracking of volunteers.

The grants perform a dual function for the caregivers and care recipients in that volunteers will connect families to supportive resources while maintaining a sense of community. Senior Companions will assist approximately 70 clients (caregivers/frail and elderly clients). The role of the volunteer is central in terms of identifying resources, coordinating care plans and facilitating a process for community "care-giving".

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic:

Eligible senior volunteers receive supplemental income to defray the high cost of living on fixed incomes.

Environmental:

This report has no environmental impact.

Social Equity:

Senior volunteers make their neighborhoods stronger by helping frail and socially isolated elders, family caregivers and care providers who have special needs.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The Department of Human Services provides opportunities for equal access for people with disabilities and senior citizens to all programs, services and activities, which result in the preservation of dignity and the right to independence and the ability to live self-directed lives.


RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

That the City Council accept this report and approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate various grants for the Senior Companion Program from the City of Berkeley and the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the total amount of \$55,114.00 for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That the City Council approve the resolution authorizing the application, acceptance and appropriation of various grants in the amount of \$55,114.00 from the City of Berkeley and Alameda County Area Agency on Aging for the Senior Companion Program in Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
THE LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE



OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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Approved as to Form and Legality
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City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to accept and appropriate grant funds from the City of Berkeley in the amount estimated at \$14, 825 and the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount estimated at \$40,289 for the Senior Companion Program for the fiscal year 2004-2005

WHEREAS, the City Council by Resolution No. 56572 dated July 1977 made application and received funds from the Corporation for National and Community Services, hereinafter "CNS" (formerly, "ACTION") for the Oakland Senior Companion Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley, hereinafter "Berkeley" and the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging, hereinafter "AAA" has made available funds for a Senior Companion Program to provide volunteer opportunities to serve Caregivers, frail elders and socially isolated seniors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Senior Companion Program provides meaningful part-time volunteer opportunities for income eligible older persons who provide supportive assistance to Caregivers and their senior family members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to apply for and accept a grant from "Berkeley" in the amount estimated at \$14,825 for SCP; and, "AAA" in the amount estimated at \$40,289 for SCP; and for the purpose of appropriating said grants to the Oakland Senior Companion Program to fund low-income senior volunteers for fiscal year of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to support the Senior Companion Program by paying a portion of the program staff salaries, fringe benefits and volunteer recognition activities which were included in the FY 2003-2005 Adopted Policy Budget; and

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept the aforesaid grants and appropriate said funds to the Oakland Senior Companion Program and offset by the same amount of Revenue; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council appoints the City Administrator or her designee as agent of the City of Oakland to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and related actions that may be necessary of completion of the aforementioned grants in accordance with its basic purposes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should additional funds be received, the City Administrator or her designee is authorized to appropriate it for the purpose described above subject to the City's Attorney's review. Said funds will be appropriated in Senior Companion Program-Organization 75241 and Fund 2128.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California