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To: Office of the City Manager
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Department of Human Services
Date: September 23, 2003

Re: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF BERKELEY IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) AND THE ALAMEDA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY ONE THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS (\$31,476) FOR THE SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

SUMMARY

Staff requests that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$31,476 and the City of Berkeley in the amount of \$15,000 for the Senior Companion Program. The two grants will expand Senior Companion volunteer opportunities to assist family caregivers and frail seniors. The grants are scheduled to begin July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of these grants will have no additional fiscal impact on the General Fund during Fiscal Year 2003-04. The two grants will fund volunteer support O&M expenditures such as stipends to volunteers, meals, transportation, liability insurance, fingerprinting, and volunteer recognition. The grant funds will be appropriated to Fund 2132, Organization 75241.

BACKGROUND

The Senior Companion Program is beginning its twenty-sixth year of operation since the passage of the City Council's first Resolution (No.556572 C.M.S.), dated July 26, 1977. The program has grown to support over a hundred and twenty Senior Companion volunteers.

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 services to Oakland's frail and elderly residents and their caregivers with the purpose of helping them remain independent in their homes and community.

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KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Senior Companion Program provides 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 respite resources. These grants provide for twelve (12) additional Senior Companion volunteers to assist approximately 300 family caregivers and 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 Senior Companion Program operates under Federal guidelines in which the administration of program services requires that volunteers perform certified activities as specified in the Federal Register.

The Senior Companion Program recruits and trains 120 senior volunteers who in turn provide monthly assistance to 400 clients. Volunteers assist the frail seniors with activities of daily living such as respite, some personal care, reading, writing, shopping, light meal preparation and escorting to medical and social appointments.

Each volunteer is required to meet specific program eligibility requirements before becoming a Senior Companion. Volunteers must serve a minimum of fifteen to twenty hours a week to receive a stipend of \$2.65 per hour. A volunteer may provide up to 1044 of stipend volunteer hours annually. Other nominal contributions to defray the personal expenses of a low-income volunteer include a small contribution towards lunch and bus or auto transportation reimbursement.

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

The City of Berkeley will fund four (4) Senior Companions to assist the elderly who reside in the northern areas of Oakland and Berkeley. Senior Companion volunteers will provide respite and companionship 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 performed by each volunteer for both the caregiver and care receiver.

The Alameda County Area Agency on Aging grant will fund six Senior Companions and one Team Leader to assist family caregivers who are responsible for at risk and high risk elderly and or disabled adult family members. Senior Companion volunteers will be supervised by Case Managers (Social Workers/Nurses) in the following programs: Multipurpose Senior Service Program, Linkages Program and South Berkeley Senior Center. Senior Companions will be assigned to family caregivers to provide respite and companionship to at risk clients. The City of Oakland's Senior Companion Program will coordinate the placement and tracking of volunteers and clients served.

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 its programs, services and activities which result in the preservation of dignity, and the right to independence and the possibility to live self-directed lives.

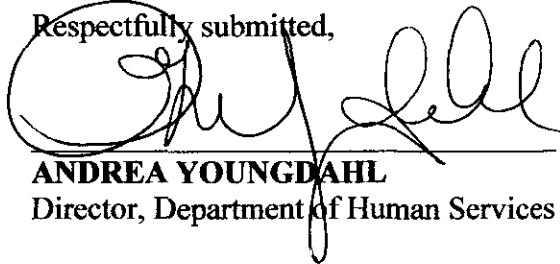
RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

That the City Council accept this report and approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager 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 \$ 46,476.00 for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That the City Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate grant funds from the City of Berkeley in the amount of \$15,000 and the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$31,476 for the Senior Companion Program for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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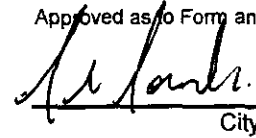
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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF BERKELEY IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) AND THE ALAMEDA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY ONE THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS (\$31,476) FOR THE SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

WHEREAS, the City Council by Resolution No. 56572 C.M.S. 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 of isolated and frail seniors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Senior Companion Program "SCP" 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 of \$15,000 for SCP; and, "AAA" in the amount of \$31,476 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, 2003 through June 30, 2004; 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; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to accept and appropriate grant funds from the City of Berkeley in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) and the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount of Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Six Dollars (\$31,476) for the Senior Companion Program for FY 2003-2004; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council appoints the City Manager or his 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 from Berkeley and/or AAA, the City Manager or her designee is authorized to appropriate said funds for the purpose described above subject to the City's Attorney's review. Said funds will be appropriated in Senior Companion Program - Fund 2132, Organization 75241.

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

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