CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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To:

Office of the City Administrator

Deborah Edgerly

Attn: From:

Department of Human Services

Date:

June 22, 2004

Re:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALAMEDA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,034 FOR THE LINKAGES PROGRAM AND \$8,945 FOR THE RESPITE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$270,222 FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY FOR A TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT CLAIM AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$55,474 LINKAGES HANDIPARK FUNDS FOR THE LINKAGES PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005.

SUMMARY

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$220,034 for the Linkages Program and \$8,945 for the Respite Program, and authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate \$270,222 from Alameda County for a Targeted Case Management claim and appropriation of \$55,474 Linkages Handipark funds for the Linkages Program in fiscal year 2004-2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these on-going grants is contained in the City's Adopted Policy Budget for FY 2003-2005 under Program YS07 – Care Management and Support for Frail Seniors and Adults with Disabilities. As the grants do not pay Central Services Overhead (CSO), Council has offset those charges in past years and in the current budget. The Adopted Policy Budget includes a CSO fund offset of \$44,495 for FY 2004-2005 for this program, which would not change as a result of this recommended action. The appropriation of \$55,474 of Linkages Handipark funds has no impact on the General Fund. Linkages grant funds will be appropriated as follows: Alameda County Area Agency on Aging Linkages Program, \$220,034, Fund 2132; Alameda County Area Agency on Aging Respite Program, \$8,945, Fund 2132; Linkages Handipark, \$55,474, Fund 2410; and City Contribution, \$95,060, Fund 1010. All funds will be appropriated in organization 75221. There is no additional fiscal impact to the current FY 2004-2005 Adopted Budget.

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BACKGROUND

The City of Oakland has offered Linkages Program services since 1985 and continues to provide care management to functionally impaired adults and seniors who are at risk of being placed into nursing homes. The Linkages Program serves an average of 200 clients every month. Clients are Oakland residents, 18 years of age or older and require in-home assistance with activities of daily living such as housekeeping, shopping or meal preparation, bathing, toileting, eating, or dressing.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Linkages Program serves an important role in the long-term care continuum of services within the City of Oakland. There is no other care management program operating within Oakland which utilizes the Linkages model to serve the younger functionally impaired population. The Linkages Program fills this gap in services. The capacity to serve more than 200 clients is limited by the existing funding level. The Linkages model includes care management services for younger adults and frail seniors who might not otherwise be eligible for services because of their age or level of disability.

PROGRAM

The goals of the Linkages Program include promotion of client self-determination and fostering of independent living for clients (within the least restrictive environment and in their own communities). The Linkages Program is an active participant in the Alameda County and statewide Long Term Care Coalitions. The program advocates for a seamless continuum of care and service coordination in collaboration with other community-based long-term care organizations (i.e., Alameda County Area Agency on Aging, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Over 60 Health Clinic, Alameda County Social Services, and the Visiting Nurses Association).

Client referrals are received from various sources, such as the local acute care hospitals, community outpatient health clinics, home health agencies, Alameda County Social Services Agency, churches and adult day health care programs. Clients also self-refer to the program for services. Linkages discharges an average of ten (10) clients per month due to death, residential relocation, client's request, or lack of need for services. Ten (10) new clients, on average, are enrolled per month.

Client care management includes a comprehensive psychosocial and health assessment two times per year, care plan development, arrangement and/or purchase of services (such as the Respite Program), quarterly home visits and monthly monitoring. The Linkages Program model includes the provision of long term care information and referral which requires that staff have in-depth knowledge of community resources for well or disabled seniors and younger disabled adults.

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The Linkages Program receives telephone calls requesting information on resources within the City of Oakland, Alameda County, San Francisco and surrounding East Bay cities. The Linkages Program responds to approximately 1,200 telephone requests for information and referral yearly.

Targeted Case Management Claims are a part of the Linkages Program whereby Medi-Cal partially reimburses the Department of Human Services for the cost of providing case management services to at-risk adults under Medi-Cal. Claims are submitted to Alameda County Health Care Services, which coordinates all such claims within Alameda County with Medi-Cal.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

ECONOMIC:

Linkages' arrangement of in-home care workers creates jobs for low income Oakland citizens.

Linkages' arrangement of medical supplies and assistive devices increases profits for Oakland businesses.

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Linkages' arrangement of paratransit results in "carpooling", thereby reducing the use of individual autos which reduces harmful auto emissions.

SOCIAL EQUITY:

Linkages' arrangement of vocational education, training and rehabilitation leads to disabled low income clients returning to the workforce.

Linkages care management activities bring life-enriching and life-sustaining services to frail isolated low income seniors and disabled adults who are unaware of such services.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The Linkages Program is the only program in the City utilizing a broker case management model to bring critical services to disabled adults eighteen (18) years of age and older and frail seniors.

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RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommend that the City Council approve this resolution which will ensure the continuation of Linkages services to Oakland frail seniors and disabled adults, and help them sustain their independence by authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$220,034 for the Linkages Program and \$8,945 for the Respite Program, authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate \$270,222 from Alameda County for a Targeted Case Management Claim and authorizing the appropriation of \$55,474 Linkages Handipark funds for the Linkages Program in Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That the City Council approve this resolution authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$220,034 for the Linkages Program and \$8,945 for the Respite Program and authorizing the City Administrator to apply for, accept and appropriate \$270,222 from Alameda County for a Targeted Case Management Claim and authorizing the appropriation of \$55,474 Linkages Handipark funds for the Linkages Program in Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE:

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Approved as to Form and Legality

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE, APPLICATION AND APPROPRIATION OF \$228,979 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE LINKAGES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,034 FOR THE LINKAGES PROGRAM AND \$8,945 FOR THE RESPITE PROGRAM AND A TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$270,222 AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF A BALANCE OF \$55,474 IN LINKAGES HANDIPARK FUNDS FOR THE LINKAGES PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to apply for, accept and appropriate grants and offsetting revenues from Alameda County Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$220,034 to fund the Linkages Program and in the amount of \$8,945 to fund the Respite Program for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant and offsetting revenues in the amount of \$270,222 from Alameda County for a Targeted Case Management claim. This revenue will allow the Linkages Program to provide additional case management services to elderly and disabled adult Oakland residents; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced programs provide essential services to functionally impaired young adults and seniors within the City of Oakland who are at risk of being placed in nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, these grants do not pay for Central Services Overhead costs and historically the City has provided an offset to cover the Central Services Overhead costs; and

WHEREAS, \$44,495 is allocated in the 2004-2005 budget to offset the Central Services Overhead costs; and

WHEREAS, the Linkages Program has a Handipark Fund balance exceeding \$55,474 that the City desires to appropriate for fiscal year 2004-2005; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator or his designee to apply for, accept and appropriate a grant and offsetting revenues in the amount of \$270,222 from Alameda County for a Targeted Case Management claim; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the amount of \$55,474 in Linkages Handipark Funds be appropriated in the 2004-2005 budget to cover program costs; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes that \$44,495 of General Funds be appropriated in the 2004-2005 budget to cover central services overhead offset; and be it

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