



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of January 12, 2016
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of January 19, 2016

DATE: 12/15/2015
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Ordinance authorizing acceptance and appropriation of a Senior Companion Program (SCP) grant award for FY15-16 and City matching funds

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a \$5,756 State grant awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service for the Senior Companion Program; appropriating the \$5,756 State grant in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grants Fund; transferring \$76,903 from the No. 1020 General Fund to the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grants Fund as City matching funds for the Senior Companion Program and appropriating the \$76,903 in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grants fund.

PURPOSE:

Appropriation and acceptance of grant funding, along with the transfer and appropriation of City matching funds to allow for the continuation of the Senior Companion Program (SCP).

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi receives funding for the Senior Companion Program through Federal, State and matching funds. The Federal Grant, in the amount of \$324,067 (made available through the Corporation for National and Community Services), was previously appropriated. In addition, the Corporation for National Community Services distributes State funding that is designated for the day-to-day operations of the Senior Companion Program. A grant in the amount of \$5,756 has been awarded for our FY2015-2016 program year.

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) allows low-income volunteers 55 years and over, who are willing to become Senior Companions, serve homebound elderly and/or disabled persons 21 years of age or older. Senior Companions also provide respite services to caregivers who are caring for their loved ones at home. Many of the caregivers provide around the clock care. The respite service allows them to run errands, care for their families and get a few hours of well-deserved rest.

ALTERNATIVES:

Reject the grant award, which will create a budget shortfall.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate grant funds.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal, Finance, Budget

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☒ Operating

☒ Revenue

☐ Capital

☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered/ Expended Amount				
This item (Transfer)		\$76,903		\$76,903
This item (Grant)		\$ 5,756		\$ 5,756
BALANCE		\$82,659		\$82,659

Fund(s): Parks and Recreation Grant Fund

Comments: State Grant Funds FY15-16.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the grant from the Corporation for National and Community Services for the continuation of the Senior Companion Program.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Notification of Funds Available