



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of July 14, 2015  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of July 21, 2015

**DATE:** 6/23/2015  
**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager  
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Senior Companion Program (SCP) grant award

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a grant awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service in the amount of \$264,007 for the Senior Companion Program; appropriating the \$264,007 grant in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grants Fund for the Senior Companion Program.

### **PURPOSE:**

Appropriation of grant funding to allow for the continuation of the Senior Companion Program (SCP)

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City receives grant funding for the Senior Companion Program through Federal and State and local grants and matching funds that must be appropriated each year. This award is year three of a three year contract with the corporation for National and Community Service in the amount of \$264,007.

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) consist of low-income volunteers 55 years and over who are willing to serve as companions to homebound elderly and/or disabled persons 21 years of age or older. Through Volunteer Stations such as Area Agency on Aging, Veterans Administration, Senior Community Services and various Home Health Care Agencies, our companions provided 64,802 hours of service in our community last year. According to the Independent Sector's Value of Volunteer Time, one hour of volunteer service in the State of Texas is valued at \$23.40 per hour. Last year, the total value of services to our community was \$1,516,367. The program is two-fold, it provides valuable services to clients and caregivers in order for seniors to remain in their own home or the home of a love one, it also provides the companions with a sense of being needed, which keeps them stay active. The \$2.65 per hour stipend that is paid to the Senior Companion also provides low income seniors, who are on fixed income, a little extra to help them with their expenses related to their volunteer time. The stipend is tax free and does not interfere with any other benefit they may be receiving. During our grant year, July 2, 2015-June 30, 2015, we anticipate serving 125 individuals, with no less than 64,000 hours of service. The Senior Companion Program has been part of the City of Corpus Christi for over 25 years.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Reject the grant award and discontinue the Senior Companion Program.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Council authorization is required to accept and appropriate Federal grant funds.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal, Finance, Budget

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**            Operating Expense / Revenue

<b>Fiscal Year: 2015-2016</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$ 264,007		\$264,007
BALANCE		\$ 264,007		\$264,007

Fund(s): Parks and Recreation Grant Fund

**Comments:** Federal grant for FY15.

**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 Grant Award