



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 9, 2016
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 16, 2016

DATE: 1/28/2016

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Senior Companion Program (SCP) Additional VSY grant award for FY15-16

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a \$60,060 grant awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service; appropriating the \$60,060 grant in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grants Fund.

PURPOSE:

Appropriation of grant funding to allow for the expansion 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 (made available through the Corporation for National and Community Services) has been \$264,007 for many years, and funds 55 VSY's. A 'VSY' is an individual providing 1,044 hours of service per year. During this past year, other SCP programs in the State of Texas were forced to relinquish their federal funding for various reasons. Due to these relinquishments, \$60,060 was made available for Senior Companion Programs, in good standing with their current federal grant, to apply for these additional funds through a competitive grant process. The City of Corpus Christi Senior Companion Program applied and was awarded an amount to add 13 VSY's. With this funding new senior companions will serve additional seniors who are in need of services. Focus areas will be, but not limited to, the Flour Bluff area and veterans, which are both currently underserved.

The Senior Companion Program (SCP) allows low-income volunteers 55 years and over who are willing to become a Senior Companion serve homebound elderly and/or disabled persons 21 years of age or older and their caregivers.

ALTERNATIVES:

Reject the grant award, which will not allow us to increase the amount of direct services to our community.

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 ☒ Revenue ☐ Capital ☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$ 60,060		\$60,060
Encumbered/ Expended Amount				
This item		\$ 60,060		\$60,060
BALANCE		\$ 60,060		\$60,060

Fund(s): Parks and Recreation Grant Fund

Comments: Federal grant for FY15-16.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Notification of Funds Available