



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 24, 2017
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 31, 2017

DATE: 1/10/2017

TO: Margie C. Rose, City Manager

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Ordinance authorizing the FY16-17 transfer and appropriation of City grant matching funds for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Grant and the Senior Companion Program (SCP) Grant

CAPTION:

Ordinance transferring \$79,173 from the No. 1020 General Fund to and appropriating in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grant Fund as matching grant funds for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and transferring \$76,903 from the No. 1020 General Fund to and appropriating in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grant Fund as matching grant funds for the Senior Companion Program (SCP); amending Ordinance No. 030818 to authorize the transfer of matching grant funds for the RSVP and SCP programs budgeted in the No. 1020 General fund to and appropriate them in the No. 1067 Parks and Recreation Grant Fund for said programs.

PURPOSE:

Transfer and appropriation of City grant matching funds to allow for the continuation of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Senior Companion Program (SCP). To amend the annual Ordinance, Enactment No: 030818 to include the matching funds.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City receives grant funding for both the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Senior Companion Program (SCP) through Federal, State and local grants, in addition to City grant matching funds that must be appropriated each year. The grants are awarded through a contract with the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The RSVP program has proven to be exceptionally beneficial to both senior citizens and various public and private agencies in Corpus Christi. The program received \$70,605 in federal and state funds. RSVP volunteers are individuals 55 years or older who utilize their talents and experience to serve the needs of the community. During the previous grant period (7/01/2015-6/30/16) and fiscal year 2015-2016, 395 enrolled volunteers contributed 45,646 hours through more than 38 different non-profit organizations like the, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center, Mission of Mercy, VA Clinic, and other community based organizations such as the Corpus Christi Medical Center, USS Lexington, and AARP Chapter.

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. The Senior Companion Program has approximately 68 volunteers who have provided over 67,065 service hours. The program received federal and state funding of \$329,832.

ALTERNATIVES:

Reject the City match and discontinue the RSVP and SCP Programs.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council authorization is required to appropriate City grant matching funds.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal, Finance, Budget

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating

☐ Revenue

☐ Capital

☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$156,076		\$156,076
Encumbered/ Expended Amount				
This item(transfer)RSVP		\$79,173		\$79,173
This item (transfer)SCP		\$76,903		\$76,903
BALANCE		-0-		-0-

Fund(s): General Fund – 1020; Parks and Recreation Grant Fund - 1067

Comments: This grant requires City matching funds, which were budgeted in the FY17 City General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends transfer and appropriation of the City matching funds for the continuation of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Senior Companion Program and amendment of Ordinance No. 030818.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance