



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE:

Approved

Date

5/25/11

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Senior Services Program

Amount of City Funding Required: \$ 400,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.) General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

Requested funds would affect services for the Senior Nutrition Program by allocating additional revenue to support senior wellness programs such as case management, health screenings, in-home assistance, and multicultural services that provide targeted services to vulnerable and at-risk seniors.

The Senior Nutrition Program has continually provided high quality, cost efficient and nutritious meals to adults 60 years and older in Santa Clara County for decades. They currently offer congregate meals, five times a day at thirteen community centers throughout the City of San Jose, Alma and Gardener are classified as "highest need" sites.

In FY 2010-2011, the Senior Nutrition Task force was given the mandate to provide an alternative service delivery model to supplement the continued decrease in resources allocated by the City to the senior nutrition programs. The task force's final recommendation was to have some of the regional kitchens, who have the capacity to prepare significantly more meals, prepare and deliver meals to the 13 aggregate sites to be served by CBOs that have qualified under the City's RFP process.

This year, the City Manager's proposed budget allocates \$550,000 in ongoing resources to the Senior Nutrition program that was slated to end in July 2011. While these funds continue the City's commitment to our senior population, through the provision of meals, it is not enough. Support services such as senior

wellness programs are needed to ensure that older adults, especially vulnerable and at-risk seniors live balanced and vibrant lives. These support programs included case management, health screenings, in-home assistance, and multicultural services were previously provided by HNVF-funded Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Allocations for these CBOs have been deeply affected by the City's budget deficit by the continued decrease in funding.

In a report released by the Association of Bay Area Governments, the senior population in Santa Clara County is expected to increase by more than 85% in 2030 while support from local governments such as the City of San Jose is expected to decrease by 75%. According to the Senior Nutrition Task Force's final report, approximately 230,752 meals annually or 1,000 per day in San Jose, spread throughout all 10 Council districts are at risk if the senior nutrition program budget continues to be reduced. This clearly presents a strong disadvantage to our senior population who rely on these meals and services as their only chance to be social and active in the community.

Acknowledging that PRNS staff has continued to see reductions in their support staff, this additional one time resource allocation would be released in conjunction with the Senior Nutrition RFP to assist in looking for viable alternative service delivery providers for the senior nutrition sites.

This request is intended to retain the flexibility to access funds for the continued provision of senior wellness programs in conjunction with senior nutrition.

Funding Source

Program/Project Title: Senior Services Program

Amount of City Funding Change: \$ 400,000

Fund Type (i.e. Fund, C&C funds, etc.) General Fund

Anticipated Outcomes: Requested funding changes would affect benefits or services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc., as described below: (Use as much space as required.)

Requested funds would affect services for the City's senior nutrition sites by allocating additional revenue to support senior wellness programs such as case management, health screenings, in-home assistance, and multicultural services that provide targeted services to vulnerable and at-risk seniors.

Department or Organization: Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

Department or Organization Contact (Please list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation.)

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services

