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June 11, 1997

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** REPORT BACK ON REDUCTIONS TO OLDER ADULT SERVICES

**LOCATION:**

Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council approve staff recommendation on alternative reductions to Older Adult Services as part of the proposed budget for FY 1997-98 for the Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Services Department.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jack Crist, Deputy City Manager, 264-5704

**FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF:** June 18, 1997

**SUMMARY:**

On June 10, 1997 the City Council heard the proposed budget detail for the Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Services Department. During that hearing, City Council requested staff to report back on the proposed reductions to Older Adult Services. This report provides alternative reductions for Council consideration.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Older Adult Services Section provides recreation, education and social services programs to older adults throughout the city of Sacramento. Many of these services are delivered by the city at facilities such as the E.M. Hart Senior Center. The distinction between Older Adult Services

and what staff terms Senior Services is that coordination and management of Older Adult Services is centralized out of the Hart Senior Center and services are provided citywide. Senior Services are those programs that are planned and offered on a neighborhood basis in tandem with other recreation services. In addition to the services provided by city staff as part of the Older Adult function, the city contracts with various community based organizations (CBOs) as extended service providers to residents.

In the 1997-98 Proposed Budget - Addendum, the reduction to Older Adult Services included reductions to current funding level to three CBO service providers. The three organizations are the Hunger Commission, Camellia Center and Ombudsman of Northern California. The proposed budget recommended a 16% reduction to the Hunger Commission and Camellia Center which is comparable to the proposed overall reduction to this program area. A reduction of all funding to the Ombudsman program is also included in the proposed budget document. In addition to these reductions, a .47 staff position would be eliminated and there would be reduced support for the Elder Craftsman Program in Old Sacramento.

In developing the proposed reductions for the Older Adult section, staff's priority was to protect the core programs that the city provides as part of its basic array of services. The contract services were viewed as an extension of the city's core service level while recognizing the importance and priority of essential lifeline services.

#### PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE REDUCTION

Based on City Council's direction at the June 10 hearing, staff is recommending a modification to the original proposed reduction for this program area. Under this alternative, there would be no reductions to the city's current funding to the Hunger Commission, the Camellia Center and the Ombudsman program. Staff is proposing that a portion of the funds resulting from a reduction in the Utility User Tax Rebate to cable TV and telephone services be directed to restore the funding levels to the CBOs. A companion report regarding the Utility User Tax Rebate reduction will be heard by City Council prior to this report. Approximately \$73,800 would be appropriated for this purpose.

Organization	1996-97 Budget	1997-98 Proposed Proposed      Reduction		Alternative Proposal
Hunger Commission	\$32,500	\$27,000	(\$5,500)	\$32,500
Camellia Center	\$79,300	\$66,000	(\$13,300)	\$79,300
Ombudsman	\$55,000	0	(\$55,000)	\$55,000
TOTALS	\$166,800	\$93,000	(\$73,800)	\$166,800

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Under the recommendation of this report, \$73,800 in funding resulting from reduction of the Utility User Tax Rebate would be directed to preserve the current funding levels for the Hunger Commission, the Camellia Center and the Ombudsman Program. For full detail on proposed use of the rebate funding see Attachment A.

## POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation in this report is consistent with City Council direction to staff at the June 10 hearing of the Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Services Department proposed budget for FY 1997-98.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS


None.

## MBE/WBE

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved:

  
WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
City Manager

Attachment A

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF UTILITY USER TAX REBATE FUNDING	
Funding resulting from elimination of rebate to cable TV and telephone services	\$220,000
Allocation to Older Adult Services to restore CBO funding (Ombudsman, Hunger Commission and Camellia Center)	(\$73,800)
Allocation to Youth/Teen Recreation Programs to mitigate reductions	(\$60,000)
Allocation to Community Events to support special events and activities (\$7,500 per council district)**	(\$60,000)
Allocation to support Community Events operations and mitigate reductions	(\$26,200)
Remaining	0

\*\*Note: The Special Events Section which will be transferred to the Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Department under the proposed budget, currently has \$2,500 per council district allocated to support special events. The \$7,500 would be in addition to this for a total of \$10,000 per council district.