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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Human Service Advisory Committee
Tom Sherrard, Chair
Chris Houden
Robin Holcomb
Katherine Robichaux
Sharon Anderson, Staff

Date: May 1, 2007

Subject: 2007/2008 HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING FOR THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF THE EASTSIDE - OPERATION SCHOOL BELL PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

The Human Services Advisory Committee recommends allocating \$15,000 (\$7,500 each year-2007-2008) from the Council's Special Projects Reserve for the Assistance League's Operation School Bell program.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

At their December 12, 2006 meeting, City Council approved the Human Services Advisory Committee's 2007-2008 Human Services Funding Plan.

The City received fifty- eight applications including fourteen new requests for programs not previously funded. As has been the case in previous funding processes, not all of the requests were recommended for funding. The Human Service Funding Plan is the Committee's best effort to match the City Council's established Human Services Policies, and evaluation criteria with the available funding.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Assistance League of the Eastside (ALE) - Operation School Bell

Operation School Bell meets the immediate need for appropriate new clothing for low-income children before they start school in the fall. The program is preventative in that it increases the child's self-esteem to have new clothes like other children entering school. This in turn also increases confidence, gives children practice in decision-making and can improve school performance.

Operation School Bell is a cooperative effort whereby ALE is in partnership with the Lake Washington, Bellevue and Northshore School Districts and Fred Meyer. The program is straightforward, with children and parents/guardians/volunteers given \$120 gift cards to Fred Meyer to use at a scheduled time to help purchase school clothing.

Children are identified and referred by school counselors in the spring and summer. Parents/guardians give final approval for participation. The program is very cost effective with no funds going for personnel, as it is an all-volunteer organization.

The Human Services Advisory Committee wishes to thank Council for approval of additional funding to support the Assistance League of the Eastside-Operation School Bell program. This program is important for the continuity of Kirkland's human services continuum.

FISCAL NOTE

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Source of Request							
Jennifer Schroder, Parks & Community Svcs Director							
Description of Request							
Request for funding of \$15,000 (\$7,500 each year-2007 and 2008) for the Assistance League of the Eastside's (ALE) Operation School Bell program. Operation School Bell is a cooperative effort of ALE, the Lake Washington, Bellevue and Northshore School Districts, and Fred Meyer. The program is aimed at increasing the self-esteem of children from low-income households by providing parents/guardians/volunteers \$120 gift cards to Fred Meyer to use at a scheduled time to help purchase school clothing.							
Funding for the project is recommended to come from the available balance of \$309,960 in the Council Special Projects Reserve.							
Legality/City Policy Basis							
Fiscal Impact							
One-time use of \$15,000 (\$7,500 each year-2007 and 2008) from the Council Special Projects Reserve. The reserve is able to fully fund this request.							
Recommended Funding Source(s)							
Reserve	Description	2008 Est End Balance	Prior Auth. 2007-08 Uses	Prior Auth. 2007-08 Additions	Amount This Request	Revised 2008 End Balance	2008 Target
	Council special Projects Reserve	309,960	0	0	15,000	294,960	250,000
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Revenue/ Exp Savings							
Other Source							
Other Information							

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