

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2004

SUBJECT: Presentation of 2004-05 Budget Recommendations/Human Services Commission

DEPARTMENT: Community and Economic Development	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>X</u>__
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. 2004-05 Human Services Commission Recommendations	FOR INFORMATION: James Harris, Director of Community and Economic Development 918-7319

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to present to the Board of Aldermen the recommendations from the Human Services Commission for funding requests from the non profit agencies providing services to Carrboro citizens.

SUMMARY

The Commission held joint meetings with the Chapel Hill Human Services committee for those agencies that requested funds from Carrboro and Chapel Hill. Separate hearings were held for those agencies that requested funds from Carrboro only. The hearing process took approximately seven weeks. The Human Services Committee is staffed with a diverse group of volunteers with strong human service backgrounds. Forty agencies applied for funds from the human service budget. All agencies had an opportunity to present their request. Funding is recommended for thirty-seven (37) of the agencies. The total amount requested from the agencies is \$165,070. The total recommended allocation for fiscal year 2004-05 is \$112,000.

This year the Human Service committee saw growth in the area of human service needs. As the population grows older there is a greater need for families to provide care for aging parents and relatives, a need for respite care for families with sick or mentally challenged children, assistance with care for the growing population with HIV and AIDs, the development of work opportunities for the growing disabled population, and Homelessness. The United Way has for the last two years had a decline in giving which directly impact our local service providers. This year the agencies got on average a 28 percent cut in funding from United Way. The agencies are looking for additional funds to make up the loss from the United Way.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration supports the proposed allocations as proposed by the Human Services Committee and has set aside \$112,000 to cover the allocations. This allocation represents 1% of the tax rate.