

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: June 6, 2006

**SUBJECT: Presentation of Human Services Advisory Commission Recommendations for the 2006-07 Budget**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. 2006-07 Human Services Advisory Commission Recommendations</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION: James Harris, 918-7319</b>

### 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 non-profit agencies providing services to Carrboro citizens.

### INFORMATION

The Carrboro Human Services Commission held joint meetings with the Chapel Hill Human Services Committee to discuss requests from those agencies that requested funds from both Carrboro and Chapel Hill. Separate hearings were held for those agencies that requested funds from Carrboro only. The hearings process took approximately seven weeks to complete. A diverse group of volunteers with strong human services backgrounds staff the Human Services Commission. Forty-nine agencies applied for funds from the Human Services budget. All agencies had an opportunity to present their request and respond to questions from the committee. Funding is recommended for forty-six of the agencies. The total recommended allocation for fiscal year 2005-06 is \$122,304. The total amount requested from the agencies is \$217,290. The Human Service Commission saw a continued decline for funds available for agencies trying to meet human services needs. As the population continues to change 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 for the growing population with HIV and AIDS, the development of work opportunities for the growing disabled population, and homelessness. The Latino population continues to grow and so do the special needs for the population. The United Way has had a decline in donations for the last two years, which directly influences our local service provider's ability to provide services to our citizens. The agencies are looking for additional funds to make up for the loss from the United Way in addition to looking at ways to streamline their agencies without cutting services.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of funding the recommendations of the Human Services Commission recommendations will be \$122,304.00.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff supports the proposed allocations as proposed by the Human Services Commission and has set aside \$122,304 in the fiscal year 2006-07 Budget to cover the allocations.