

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: June 3, 2008

SUBJECT: Request to Approve 2008-09 Budget Recommendations from the Human Services Commission

DEPARTMENT: Economic and Community Development	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. 2008-09 Human Services Advisory Commission Recommendations	FOR INFORMATION: James Harris, 918-7319

PURPOSE:

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

INFORMATION:

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 seven weeks with the Commission seeing six to seven applicants a week on average. The Human Services Committee is staffed with a diverse group of volunteers with strong human services backgrounds. Forty-three 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 40 of the agencies. The total recommended allocation for fiscal year 2008-09 is \$ 130,502.00. The total amount requested from the agencies is \$214,719.00. The Human Services committee saw continued decline in the amount of funds available to agencies trying to meet human services needs through grant opportunities and personal giving. 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, and the development of work opportunities for the growing disabled population, and homeless. 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 four years, which directly impacts our local service provider's ability to provide much needed services to our citizens. The agencies are looking for additional funds to make up the loss from the United Way, in addition to looking at ways to stream line their agencies without cutting services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of funding the recommendations of the Human Services Commission recommendations will be \$130,502.00.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff supports the proposed allocations as proposed by the Human Services Committee and has set aside \$130,502.00 to cover the allocations.