

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: April 20, 2009
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Contribution to City, Non-Profit, Local Public Agencies, Individuals and Other Organizations for Albany projects or programs.

REPORT BY: Beth Pollard, City Administrator

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That no allocation be made for grants to non-profit agencies in the current 2008-09 fiscal year.

BACKGROUND

The City has a policy and process to annually consider allocating small grant funds to non-profits, local public agencies, individuals, or other organizations for programs that enrich the quality of life in Albany and further the City's goals. The objective is to use surplus funds, when available, to support special activities or programs that benefit Albany residents and businesses. The organizations that apply for funding should not expect ongoing funding as surplus funds may not be available. The contributions are designed to provide enrichment programs to the Albany community and further the goals of the City. An enrichment program is any program that enhances the quality of life for Albany residents or businesses.

As the policy states, the City Council, after the mid-year budget evaluation, shall determine if "surplus" funds are available for a "contribution to non-profit, local public agencies, individuals and other organizations" program. The City Council will, if funds exist, determine the amount available for a contribution program. The determination for "surplus" funds will be based on ensuring that adequate funds exist for City programs, goals and objectives.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The current fiscal year budget was reduced mid-year due to declines in projected revenues. Current projections are that expenditures must continue to be reined in to keep expenses within revenues at fiscal year end. Accordingly, there is no projected surplus of funds not already allocated for other city programs, goals, and objectives.

Therefore, staff recommends that in recognition of the lack of surplus funds, the Council not solicit grant proposals for funding in the current fiscal year. The program would then be revisited after the mid-year budget review in spring 2010 for consideration in the 2009-10 fiscal year.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Funds would not be available to support other community efforts at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In the past, Council has allocated a variety of amounts each year, with the maximum being \$10,000 from the Council discretionary line item in the Non-Departmental budget.

Attachment

Council policy on non-profit grant program