



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2015 ITEM NUMBER: **CC-8**

SUBJECT: Budget Adjustment and Acceptance of Grant from Hoag for Medical Transportation Program

DATE: October 6, 2015

FROM: Parks and Community Services Department

PRESENTATION BY: Travis M. Karlen, Recreation Manager

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$100,000 (Attachment 1) to accept a grant from Hoag for the Medical Transportation Program through the Costa Mesa Senior Center.

BACKGROUND

The City of Costa Mesa currently offers the Medical Transportation Program (MTP) to seniors for transportation to medical appointments and medication pick-up Monday-Friday, excluding weekends and holidays.

The MTP was inherited from the corporation which previously operated the Senior Center. When the City assumed responsibility for all operations of the Senior Center, the City maintained this service because it is a vital vehicle in providing health assistance to Costa Mesa residents ages 60 and over.

ANALYSIS

In July 2015, the Hoag Community Benefits program advised the City they would continue to fund the Medical Transportation Program (MTP) in the amount of \$100,000 for the 2015-2016 FY. The grant allows the City to continue to offer this program and covers nearly 95% of the cost to provide this free service to residents.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER:

The following are alternatives that the City Council may consider:

1. The City Council could reject the budget adjustment in the amount of \$100,000, eliminating the Medical Transportation Program.

2. The City Council could reject the budget adjustment in the amount of \$100,000 and refer staff to find the funds elsewhere.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There are no additional costs associated with accepting the grant funds from Hoag. The grant, however, does cover nearly 95% of the cost for providing these services.

LEGAL REVIEW:

No legal review is required.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends City Council accept the \$100,000 grant for the Medical Transportation Program and authorize the budget amendment to continue providing the same level of quality of service.

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Attachment 1: [Budget Adjustment Authorization](#)