

Administrative-Finance Committee
October 11, 2010
6:30 P.M. – City Hall Conference Room

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Establishment of Quorum**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Discussion Items**
 - a. 2010-11 Tax Levy Determination
 - b. General Review - Outstanding Bonds
 - c. DuPage County Senior Citizen Council funding
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Next Meeting – November 8, 2010.**
- 7. Adjournment**

AGENDA MEMO
Administrative/Finance Committee
Meeting Date: October 11, 2010

Issue Statement

Approval of tax levy determination for general and special purposes for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Background/History

The process for setting a tax levy is to determine how much revenue to collect from the property tax, and request that the County levy a tax to generate that amount of money. The first approval required is the tax levy determination, which takes place prior to the approval of the tax levy ordinance. Not less than 20 days prior to the adoption of the aggregate levy, the Council shall determine the amounts of money to be levied. There are also special requirements if the aggregate amount of the levy is more than 105% of the preceding year. Unfortunately, we are still subject to a timing constraint that requires us to make our initial request by the end of December, a few months before we are far enough into the budget process to make a final judgment on what we will need, and a few months before we have all the factual information we need to know the levy rate. Nonetheless, we have approached this process this year with an underlying assumption that property taxes for general corporate purpose will not increase. Based on staff anticipating that assessed valuation will decrease city wide the non-bond tax rate may increase slightly. That non-bond rate for 2010 was \$.1578.

At the same time, the Council can approve additional abatements up to the end of March. This gives the Council the ability to request a "ceiling" amount, while allowing us to review the budget early next year and consider abatements to the original request.

The attached ordinance requests a general corporate purpose (general fund) and special corporate levy (police pension fund) of \$1,601,287 which represents a 0% increase over this year's extension of \$1,601,287. This number is the result of analysis of the estimated change in the assessed valuation and new growth valuation. Since we anticipate a decrease in the assessed valuation city wide the tax rate may increase slightly, however residents will pay the same amount they paid last year. I determined the levy for the police pension fund based on the actuary report conducted on the Police Pension Fund.

With respect to the tax levy for Special Service Area #1, we have a plan for maintenance expenses for these wetlands and storm water infrastructure, and the recommended revenue from this levy is proposed to be maintained at \$5,000.

Additionally, a levy for any outstanding bonds has been filed upon the adoption of the bond ordinances. The 2010 levy amount to pay for the principal and interest on these bonds totals \$1,012,243. Lastly, any abatement will be presented in conjunction with budget review.

Staff/Committee Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the levy determination and ordinances which:

- Set the City's 2010 general property tax levy and special corporate tax levy (police pension fund) at \$1,601,287
- Set the City's 2010 Special Service Area I property tax levy at \$5,000

Alternate Consideration

Levy different amounts.

Decision Mode

The tax levy determination will be on the October 18th, 2010 Council meeting for formal consideration.

This final ordinance will be on the December 6, 2010, City Council agenda for formal consideration.

**CITY OF DARIEN
DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR
GENERAL AND SPECIAL CORPORATE PURPOSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2010,
AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2011,
FOR THE CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS**

**ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF DARIEN**

THIS _____ DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010

**Published in pamphlet form by authority of
the Mayor and City Council of the City of
Darien, DuPage County, Illinois, this
_____ day of December, 2010.**

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WHEREAS, the City of Darien is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule unit of local government, the City may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government except as limited by Article VII, Section 6; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Darien, Illinois, adopted the Annual Budget for the City of Darien, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning on May 1, 2010, and ending on April 30, 2011, and which has been duly published.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARIEN, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS HOME RULE POWERS, as follows:

SECTION 1: A tax for the following sums of money or so much thereof as may be authorized by law to defray all expenses and liabilities of the City of Darien be, and the same is hereby levied, for the purposes specified against all taxable property in said City for the Fiscal Year commencing on the First day of May, 2010, and ending on the Thirtieth day of April, 2011.

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<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Budgeted</u>	<u>Derived From Other Sources</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>
<u>For Department of Administration:</u>			
For Salaries/Wages	571,000	571,000	0
For Dept. Expenses	337,559	337,559	0
<u>For Police Department:</u>			
For Salaries/Wages	6,048,292	5,621,297	426,995
For Dept. Expenses	1,229,447	1,229,447	0
<u>For Community Development Department:</u>			
For Salaries/Wages	345,700	345,700	0
For Dept. Expenses	145,535	145,535	0
<u>For Public Works Department:</u>			
For Salaries/Wages	888,400	888,400	0
Other Dept. Expenses	586,603	586,603	0
Total Amount Levied for General Corporate Purposes			<u>426,995</u>
Police Pension Fund.....		1,174,292 =	1,174,292
2006 G.O. Bond Issue- Water System		307,674 =	307,674
2007 A and B G.O. Bonds		503,000 =	503,000
2008 G.O. Bond- Capital Projects		201,569 =	201,569
Total Amount Levied for Special Corporate Purposes & Debt			<u>2,186,535</u>
TOTAL TAX LEVY FOR ALL FUNDS			<u>\$2,613,530</u>

SECTION 2: The City Clerk of the City of Darien is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of the County of DuPage, a certified copy of this Ordinance as provided by law.

SECTION 3: If any item or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This ordinance and each of its terms shall be the effective legislative act of a home rule municipality without regard to whether such ordinance should (a) contain terms contrary to the provisions of current or subsequent non-preemptive state law, or (b) legislate in a manner or regarding a matter not delegated to municipalities by state law. It is the intent of the corporate authorities of the City of Darien that to the extent that the terms of this ordinance should be

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inconsistent with any non-preemptive state law, that this ordinance shall supersede state law in that regard within its jurisdiction.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form, as required by law, and shall be known as Ordinance Number _____ of the City of Darien, Illinois.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DARIEN, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, this 6th day of December, 2010.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DARIEN, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, this 6th day of December, 2010.

KATHLEEN MOESLE WEAVER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOANNE F. COLEMAN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF DARIEN

M E M O

TO: Administrative/Finance Committee Members

FROM: Bryon D. Vana, City Administrator

DATE: October 6, 2010

SUBJECT: Review of Outstanding Bonds

Alderman Poteraske asked that staff distribute a list of current bonds the city has outstanding and review those with the committee.

City of Darien
 Schedule of Bond Payments

<u>Year</u>	<u>Water Fund</u> <u>7/1/2006</u>	<u>General Fund</u> <u>5/15/2007</u>	<u>General Fund</u> <u>5/15/2007</u>	<u>General Fund</u> <u>5/1/2008</u>	<u>Loans</u> <u>P & I</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010	\$ 305,178	\$ 393,575	\$ 104,000	\$ 199,794	\$ 146,251	\$ 1,148,798
2011	\$ 304,028	\$ 397,000	\$ 104,000	\$ 200,769	\$ 137,203	\$ 1,143,000
2012	\$ 307,674	\$ 399,000	\$ 104,000	\$ 201,569		\$ 1,012,243
2013	\$ 305,908		\$ 494,000	\$ 202,194		\$ 1,002,102
2014	\$ 308,896		\$ 498,400	\$ 202,319		\$ 1,009,615
2015	\$ 306,472		\$ 497,000	\$ 202,256		\$ 1,005,728
2016	\$ 308,840		\$ 495,000	\$ 202,006		\$ 1,005,846
2017	\$ 310,650		\$ 497,400	\$ 206,569		\$ 1,014,619
2018	\$ 312,040		\$ 494,000	\$ 205,563		\$ 1,011,603
2019	\$ 308,010			\$ 204,363		\$ 512,373
2020	\$ 308,770			\$ 202,969		\$ 511,739
2021	\$ 309,110			\$ 201,381		\$ 510,491
2022	\$ 314,030			\$ 204,600		\$ 518,630
2023	\$ 313,320			\$ 202,200		\$ 515,520
2024	\$ 312,058			\$ 119,600		\$ 431,658
2025	\$ 315,370			\$ -		\$ 315,370
2026	\$ 312,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 312,900
	<u>\$ 5,263,254</u>	<u>\$ 1,189,575</u>	<u>\$ 3,287,800</u>	<u>\$ 2,958,150</u>	<u>\$ 283,454</u>	<u>\$ 12,982,233</u>

City of Darien
Bond Issue

Date of Issue: July 1, 2006
 Date of Maturity: December 15, 2025
 Authorized Issue \$ 3,900,000
 Interest Rates 4.10% to 4.30%
 Interest Dates June 15 and December 15
 Principal Maturity Date December 15

FUTURE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Interest Due on

<u>Fiscal</u>								
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>July 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>January 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2009	\$ 145,000	\$ 161,124	\$ 306,124	2008	\$ 80,562	2008	\$ 80,562	
2010	\$ 150,000	\$ 155,178	\$ 305,178	2009	\$ 77,589	2009	\$ 77,589	
2011	\$ 155,000	\$ 149,028	\$ 304,028	2010	\$ 74,514	2010	\$ 74,514	
2012	\$ 165,000	\$ 142,674	\$ 307,674	2011	\$ 71,337	2011	\$ 71,337	
2013	\$ 170,000	\$ 135,908	\$ 305,908	2012	\$ 67,954	2012	\$ 67,954	
2014	\$ 180,000	\$ 128,896	\$ 308,896	2013	\$ 64,448	2013	\$ 64,448	
2015	\$ 185,000	\$ 121,472	\$ 306,472	2014	\$ 60,736	2014	\$ 60,736	
2016	\$ 195,000	\$ 113,840	\$ 308,840	2015	\$ 56,920	2015	\$ 56,920	
2017	\$ 205,000	\$ 105,650	\$ 310,650	2016	\$ 52,825	2016	\$ 52,825	
2018	\$ 215,000	\$ 97,040	\$ 312,040	2017	\$ 48,520	2017	\$ 48,520	
2019	\$ 220,000	\$ 88,010	\$ 308,010	2018	\$ 44,005	2018	\$ 44,005	
2020	\$ 230,000	\$ 78,770	\$ 308,770	2019	\$ 39,385	2019	\$ 39,385	
2021	\$ 240,000	\$ 69,110	\$ 309,110	2020	\$ 34,555	2020	\$ 34,555	
2022	\$ 255,000	\$ 59,030	\$ 314,030	2021	\$ 29,515	2021	\$ 29,515	
2023	\$ 265,000	\$ 48,320	\$ 313,320	2022	\$ 24,160	2022	\$ 24,160	
2024	\$ 275,000	\$ 37,058	\$ 312,058	2023	\$ 18,529	2023	\$ 18,529	
2025	\$ 290,000	\$ 25,370	\$ 315,370	2024	\$ 12,685	2024	\$ 12,685	
2026	\$ 300,000	\$ 12,900	\$ 312,900	2025	\$ 6,450	2025	\$ 6,449	
	<u>\$ 3,840,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,378</u>	<u>\$ 5,569,378</u>		<u>\$ 864,689</u>		<u>\$ 864,688</u>	

City of Darien
Bond Issue

Date of Issue: May 15, 2007
 Date of Maturity: December 15, 2011
 Authorized Issue \$ 1,400,000
 Interest Rates 4.85% to 5.00%
 Interest Dates June 15 and December 15
 Principal Maturity Date December 15

FUTURE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

				<u>Interest Due on</u>			
<u>Fiscal</u>							
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>July 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>January 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$ 320,000	\$ 69,575	\$ 389,575	2008	\$ 34,788	2008	\$ 34,788
2010	\$ 340,000	\$ 53,575	\$ 393,575	2009	\$ 26,788	2009	\$ 26,788
2011	\$ 360,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 397,000	2010	\$ 18,500	2010	\$ 18,500
2012	\$ 380,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 399,000	2011	\$ 9,500	2011	\$ 9,500
	<u>\$ 1,400,000</u>	<u>\$ 179,150</u>	<u>\$ 1,579,150</u>		<u>\$ 89,576</u>		<u>\$ 89,576</u>

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Bond Issue

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FUTURE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

<u>Fiscal</u>				<u>Interest Due on</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>July 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>January 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$ -	\$ 104,000	\$ 104,000	2008	\$ 52,000	2008	\$ 52,000
2010	\$ -	\$ 104,000	\$ 104,000	2009	\$ 52,000	2009	\$ 52,000
2011	\$ -	\$ 104,000	\$ 104,000	2010	\$ 52,000	2010	\$ 52,000
2012	\$ -	\$ 104,000	\$ 104,000	2011	\$ 52,000	2011	\$ 52,000
2013	\$ 390,000	\$ 104,000	\$ 494,000	2012	\$ 52,000	2012	\$ 52,000
2014	\$ 410,000	\$ 88,400	\$ 498,400	2013	\$ 44,200	2013	\$ 44,200
2015	\$ 425,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 497,000	2014	\$ 36,000	2014	\$ 36,000
2016	\$ 440,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 495,000	2015	\$ 27,500	2015	\$ 27,500
2017	\$ 460,000	\$ 37,400	\$ 497,400	2016	\$ 18,700	2016	\$ 18,700
2018	\$ 475,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 494,000	2017	\$ 9,500	2017	\$ 9,500
	<u>\$ 2,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 791,800</u>	<u>\$ 3,391,800</u>		<u>\$ 395,900</u>		<u>\$ 395,900</u>

City of Darien
Bond Issue

Date of Issue: May 15, 2008
 Date of Maturity: January 1, 2024
 Authorized Issue \$ 2,370,000
 Interest Rates 3.5% to 4.00%
 Interest Dates June 15 and December 15
 Principal Maturity Date December 15

FUTURE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

				<u>Interest Due on</u>			
<u>Fiscal</u>							
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>July 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>January 1</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$ 145,000	\$ 91,325	\$ 236,325	2009	\$ 48,929	2009	\$ 42,397
2010	\$ 115,000	\$ 82,781	\$ 197,781	2010	\$ 40,384	2010	\$ 42,397
2011	\$ 120,000	\$ 78,669	\$ 198,669	2011	\$ 38,284	2011	\$ 40,384
2012	\$ 125,000	\$ 74,381	\$ 199,381	2012	\$ 36,097	2012	\$ 38,284
2013	\$ 130,000	\$ 69,756	\$ 199,756	2013	\$ 33,659	2013	\$ 36,097
2014	\$ 135,000	\$ 64,788	\$ 199,788	2014	\$ 31,128	2014	\$ 33,659
2015	\$ 140,000	\$ 59,631	\$ 199,631	2015	\$ 28,503	2015	\$ 31,128
2016	\$ 145,000	\$ 54,288	\$ 199,288	2016	\$ 25,784	2016	\$ 28,503
2017	\$ 155,000	\$ 48,566	\$ 203,566	2017	\$ 22,781	2017	\$ 25,784
2018	\$ 160,000	\$ 42,463	\$ 202,463	2018	\$ 19,681	2018	\$ 22,781
2019	\$ 165,000	\$ 36,166	\$ 201,166	2019	\$ 16,484	2019	\$ 19,681
2020	\$ 170,000	\$ 29,675	\$ 199,675	2020	\$ 13,191	2020	\$ 16,484
2021	\$ 175,000	\$ 22,991	\$ 197,991	2021	\$ 9,800	2021	\$ 13,191
2022	\$ 185,000	\$ 15,900	\$ 200,900	2022	\$ 6,100	2022	\$ 9,800
2023	\$ 190,000	\$ 8,400	\$ 198,400	2023	\$ 2,300	6100	\$ 9,800
2024	\$ 115,000	\$ 2,300	\$ 117,300	2024	\$ -	2024	\$ 2,300
	<u>\$ 2,370,000</u>	<u>\$ 782,079</u>	<u>\$ 3,152,079</u>		<u>\$ 373,107</u>		<u>\$ 412,672</u>

City of Darien

Date of Issue: 10/25/2007
Date of Maturity: 2012
Authorized Issue \$ 360,038
Interest Rates

FUTURE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Governmental Activities
Installment Contracts

Business - Type Activities
Line of Credit

Fiscal

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2011	\$ 79,246	\$ 7,873	\$ 87,119	\$ 54,900	\$ 4,232	\$ 59,132
2012	\$ 73,039	\$ 4,030	\$ 77,069	\$ 57,960	\$ 2,174	\$ 60,134
	<u>\$ 152,285</u>	<u>\$ 11,903</u>	<u>\$ 164,188</u>	<u>\$ 112,860</u>	<u>\$ 6,406</u>	<u>\$ 119,266</u>

AGENDA MEMO
Administrative/Finance Committee
October 11, 2010

ISSUE STATEMENT

Consideration of a request to support the DuPage Senior Citizen's Council, which provides Meals on Wheels, in the amount of \$22,700.75.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSSC) is an organization serving numerous elderly residents in our community. The DSSC helps seniors through various programs including Home Delivered Meals, the Home Maintenance Program, and Chore Days. They coordinate volunteers and willing professionals to provide a reliable source of assistance elderly residents can count on. Each year they request the municipality provide for a portion of the cost of providing these services. The total request this year is in the amount of \$28,445. During the budget meetings the City Council decided to fund the Home Delivered Meals program, but not the Home Maintenance Program or Chore Days, which brought the requested contribution down to \$23,895. The budget line item for FY10 is \$25,000, accounted for in line item 12-4325.

It was found that 5% of the meals considered "City of Darien" were going to unincorporated residents. This is because the contributions were filtered by address. Staff requested they filter using a directional address (e.g. 17 N 316; 20 W 182) to determine residency. Because 5% are unincorporated, the total contribution should be reduced to \$22,700.75.

STAFF/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends supporting the Darien Senior Citizens Council.

ALTERNATE CONSIDERATION

Not supporting the Darien Senior Citizens Council is an alternate consideration.

DECISION MODE

This item will be placed on the October 18, 2010 City Council meeting for formal approval.



DuPage Senior Citizens Council

Providing Meals and More...

January 25, 2010

Mr. Bryon D. Vana
City Administrator
City of Darien
1702 Plainfield Road
Darien, IL 60561

Dear Mr. Vana:

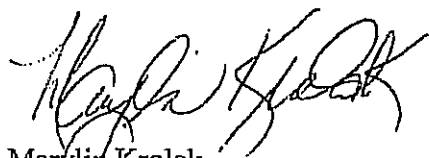
The DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) is requesting funding from the City of Darien to help cover the cost of operating our Senior Nutrition and Home Maintenance Programs. These programs provide your elderly population with a reliable source for basic nutrition, well-being-checks and assistance with home maintenance. We are asking that the City contribute to underwrite the unfunded expense of serving the senior residents in Darien. The cost gap for this year for Darien is estimated to be \$28,445.

More than ever, your financial support is crucial to help assure that our programs are available to seniors in need of assistance. Only with your financial assistance at some level can we continue to add quality and lend dignity to the lives of seniors as they seek to remain in Darien, the community they do not want to leave. In past years, DSCC has been able to provide a home meal delivery daily to needy seniors. DSCC will continue to meet our commitment under the Older Americans Act – Title III C program to provide nutritional support for seniors. However, the implementation of this service, by necessity, will have to be altered in those cities and villages that do not provide some level of municipal support to us.

Should you need any additional information, please contact me at (630) 620-0804. These are difficult and challenging times - we look forward to working through them with you as we provide services to your most vulnerable residents

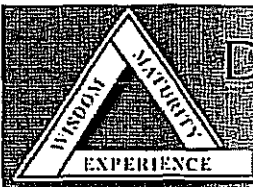
We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Krolak
Executive Director

CC: Scott Coren, Assistant to City Administrator



DuPage Senior Citizens Council

Providing Meals and More...

Executive Summary

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) seeks your financial support for our Senior Nutrition and Home Maintenance programs as a core service provided to your community. Our programs provide food security, protection, and home safety to the older adults in Darien. Please consider the following:

- **In Darien during the past year, 8,850 meals were provided by DSCC to 81 older adults in need.** In addition to homebound elderly persons served by the *Meals on Wheels* program, Darien seniors make use of nearby Community Dining Sites for socialization among peers and health and wellness programs.
- Two elements of our services point out the importance and value unique to DSCC. These are the Well-Being Checks that accompany each home delivered meal, and the strict dietary guidelines DSCC assures.

Well-Being Checks extend the eyes and ears of Darien's first response units. Staff and volunteers providing these checks are trained to look for emergency health concerns, report them to family or appropriate sources, and in most cases, actually handle situations independent of City resources where a senior may need further assistance. This is a cost-mitigating, protective core value service to the City.

Meals prepared and delivered by DSCC are specific to older adults, including those that require particular dietary needs. Concerns such as vitamin intake, low sodium, decreased appetite and diabetic issues must be addressed with careful attention to food content and preparation. In contrast to other food assistance programs, DSCC meals are dietician-planned and approved with each meal equivalent to 1/3 of the Reference Dietary Intake for adults age 60 or over.

- DSCC's Senior Nutrition Program has been in operation since 1983. **The Meals on Wheels reputation and recognition** give clients and sponsors the assurance of a well-known and long-trusted service to elderly persons hoping to remain in their homes and community.

Demographic evidence is undeniable: the elderly population is growing and will continue to spike for the next decade as the oldest baby boomers (born in 1946) begin turning 65 this year. By supporting DSCC, Darien can meet existing needs and plan prudently for the coming years to ensure that the infrastructure providing a core service is already in place for a fraction of the cost it would take to initiate or replicate such service.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC)

Proposal for Senior Nutrition and Home Maintenance Programs

To

The City of Darien

Overview

Many older people need assistance in order to maintain their health and independence. This is particularly true for those seniors who are frail, have limited income, or whose families live elsewhere. Like most communities in DuPage County, Darien has a growing senior population and a significant percentage of senior homeownership. Most of these residents desire to remain living independently in their homes.

Darien has much to gain from the wisdom and experiences of older adults who increase the diversity and link the generations of your community. DSCC Senior Nutrition and Home Maintenance programs conform to the mission of the City by providing for the safety, health and welfare of its residents.

History of DSCC

DSCC represents the foundation for service networks envisioned by the landmark 1965 Older Americans Act (OAA). This Congressional Act remains the nation's major vehicle for promoting the delivery of a minimal amount of social services to the aging population and authorizes the distribution of federal grants to areas across the United States.

Established in 1975, DSCC is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit, community-based, volunteer-driven agency and since its founding it has been at the foundation of DuPage County's senior service network established by the OAA.

Since 1983, DSCC has operated a Senior Nutrition Program from various locations throughout DuPage County. Recognizing additional needs within the senior community, DSCC developed a Home Maintenance Program in 1990.

As a proud member of Meals on Wheels of America, DSCC is privileged to be the designated *Meals on Wheels* provider for all of DuPage County, for which we receive a limited amount of Federal and state funding based upon a demographic formula.

Program Descriptions

Senior Nutrition

More than 1,000 meals are packed and delivered each weekday to frail and homebound seniors in DuPage County by staff and volunteers who have been trained in food safety. In addition, more than 200 meals each day are served at community dining sites within the county. All meals are balanced, nutritious, and meet special dietary needs required, such as low sodium, vegetarian, or diabetic requirements. Each meal is equivalent to

1/3 of the Reference Dietary Intake for adults 60 or over. Last year, more than 1,900 seniors received more than 285,000 meals in their own homes through this program.

Home Repair

This program, available to DuPage County senior residents provides low-cost minor home repairs, free Contractor Referral, and a seasonal yard clean up called Chore Days. This program helps seniors maintain the safety of their homes and also the value. Repairs commonly needed are often too small for most contractors, but the work is necessary to ensure the senior can maintain a decent, safe, and sanitary living environment. Repair work is done by DSCC staff, and all of the service technicians in this program are pre-screened, qualified, and supervised. Chore Days is a popular activity for seniors and volunteers alike. Hundreds of seniors receive assistance from groups of volunteers of all ages who help with various outside chores such as raking leaves, gardening, trimming shrubs, and other yard tasks.

Funding Request

Our request is made in order to help bridge the gap between the cost to provide our services to the residents of Darien and the anticipated revenue from confirmed funding sources and senior contributions.

Senior Nutrition Program:

In the Senior Nutrition Program, it will cost \$8.00 to prepare and deliver each meal to a needy senior. DSCC can count on Federal and state grants to cover half of that cost. DSCC must raise the additional dollars through underwriters such as you.

In the past year, 8,850 meals were provided to seniors in Darien and we anticipate a similar number in the coming year. The average donation directly, or on behalf of those Darien seniors served, is typically \$1.30 per meal. Thus the cost gap to serve your senior residents is anticipated to be \$23,895 during the coming year.

<u>Summary</u>	
8,850 meals X \$8.00 =	\$70,800
Confirmed other funding =	(\$35,400)
Anticipated Senior Donations (\$1.30 per meal)	(\$11,505)
Darien Nutrition Cost Gap	\$23,895

Home Maintenance Program:

The cost of the Home Maintenance Program is anticipated to be \$125 per hour to provide Home Maintenance service to senior homeowners. Funds from other sources project to \$20 per hour. We receive approximately \$40 per hour for our services directly from, or on behalf of, the senior homeowners. The total from these funding sources (\$60 per hour) leaves a cost-gap of \$65 per hour. DSCC anticipates providing 70 hours of Home Maintenance and Chore Days services to Darien seniors this coming year. The cost gap for the Home Maintenance Program for Darien seniors is anticipated to be \$4,550 for the upcoming fiscal year.

<u>Summary</u>	
70 service hours X \$125 =	\$8,750)
Confirmed other funding=	(\$1,400)
Anticipated Senior Donations=	<u>(\$2,800)</u>
Darien Cost Gap	\$ 4,550

We are aware that the negative impact of the economic crisis will be a great challenge as we move forward in 2010. However, please know that we cannot continue to provide our daily services to Darien seniors without your financial commitment at some level. If you cannot underwrite the total cost gap, we ask that you support Darien seniors at the highest level possible within your budget.

The total cost gap in Darien is \$28,445 and that is the amount of our request this year. We ask that you help us to bridge that gap so that we can continue to best serve the elderly population of Darien.

Thank you!