



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Kansen Chu

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 21, 2014

Approved Kansen Chu Date 5/21/14

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted, to improve services for veterans in our community.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Pilot Program to provide free Senior Nutrition Program Meals to Veterans

Amount of City Funding Required: \$330,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): Essential Services

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

This pilot program would provide free meals for senior veterans living in the City of San José. Currently, the Senior Nutrition Program serves an average of 800 meals each month, at a cost of \$6.53 per meal. Staff estimates that if 204 veterans attend the Senior Nutrition Program on a daily basis, the cost to provide free meals would be approximately \$330,000. This program would enhance the social safety net for senior veterans that have sacrificed so much for our Nation. A one-year pilot program could be used to assess the number of veterans that use this free service and the potential costs of continuing the program in future years.

Funding Source

X Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services