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MEMORANDUM

November 18, 2009

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric S. Stuckey, City Administrator *Eric*
Russ Truell, Assistant City Administrator/CFO

SUBJECT: Procedure for Reviewing Requests for Funding Outside Agencies and Non Profit Organizations

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to review the current method of reviewing annual request for funding from outside agencies, other governmental bodies, and non profit charitable organizations.

Background

In 2005, administrative staff recommended using a panel of citizens to review the annual requests of non-City agencies for City funding. Staff further recommended that United Way of Williamson County, having a great depth of experience with review and analysis of these outside agencies, be engaged to establish a citizen panel to conduct screening of funding requests. Utilization of the United Way staff and citizen panels has resulted in a more streamlined budget process and, to a great extent, removed the perception of politicization of funding decisions. Since many of our elected officials serve on the Boards of Directors of the requesting agencies, the potential for conflict of interest has been diminished. The staff of our United Way organization would like to have some guidance from the Budget & Finance Committee for the upcoming FY2010-2011 budget cycle, as the distribution of funding request forms and the recruitment of citizen panel members must be undertaken by January 1 in order to be completed on a timely basis.

Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact.

Options

- 1) Renew our existing arrangement with the United Way staff
- 2) Amend our existing arrangement with eth United way staff
- 3) Adopt a different method of screening outside agencies

Recommendation

Staff recommends continuing our existing arrangement.