

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE  
DUPAGE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, application has been made by the DuPage Senior Citizens Council that the Village participate in funding for Nutrition and Home Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2009 in the amount of \$39,674; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Village of Downers Grove to participate in the programs as requested by the DuPage Senior Citizens Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove as follows:

1. That the Village shall participate with the DuPage Senior Citizens Council in partially funding of Nutrition and Home Maintenance Services in the combined amount of \$39,674 for Fiscal Year 2009.
2. That the grants set forth herein are subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in the "Proposal to the Village of Downers Grove Requesting Funding for Nutrition and Home Maintenance Services" (attached).
3. The Village Manager and staff are authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the terms of this resolution.
4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.
5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Passed:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

**DuPage Senior Citizens Council**  
**Proposal for Senior Nutrition & Home Maintenance Programs**  
*to*  
**Village of Downers Grove**

**Mission Statement**

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) initiates, delivers, monitors, and coordinates services, which promote the ability of older persons to live their lives in dignity.

**DSCC History**

DSCC is a community-based, not-for-profit agency that is devoted to enriching senior life. Since 1975, DSCC has offered many programs and services to help ensure that DuPage County older adults have the best possible physical and mental health, as well as, suitable housing.

Since 1983, DSCC has operated a Nutrition Program from various locations throughout DuPage County. DSCC distributes more than 330,000 meals a year to over 3,200 seniors thanks to our donors and volunteers. We provide nutritionally balanced meals to seniors on a daily basis through the Community Dining Program and Home Delivered Meal Program, commonly referred to as "*Meals on Wheels*". Anywhere from 1,000 to 1,300 meals are served daily to frail homebound seniors by caring staff and volunteers who not only serve or deliver the meals, but also check on their "well-being", alerting staff, family or authorities to any observed health changes.

In 1990, DSCC created the Home Maintenance Program to provide home maintenance and repair services to seniors. The Minor Home Repair service supplies competent, reasonably priced service technicians to handle minor home repairs. Our technicians inspect seniors' homes and can install any needed upgrades to make it suitable for senior living. All of our service technicians are pre-screened, qualified and supervised. To help seniors with larger repair jobs, DSCC offers a Contractor Referral service that provides pre-screened, outside contractors who can do the work, often at a discounted rate.

**Objective**

DSCC is striving to meet several important objectives through its programs. It has been a long-standing priority of DSCC to serve all DuPage seniors who need our services. All of our programs help seniors maintain their best possible health, lessen the isolation and fear experienced by many elderly, and ensure a safe, functional, and healthy living environment. These programs serve a double purpose: they simultaneously benefit seniors who require assistance, while benefiting your community's infrastructure.

## **Program Cost**

During the upcoming year, FY08/09, it will cost DSCC \$2,467,825 to operate its various programs. While a significant portion of the cost is currently covered in part by senior donations, Federal/State grants and the United Way, the remaining funding for meeting the costs of the program must be raised from other sources such as yourselves. We are happy to say that through 90% of the municipalities within DuPage County fully support and underwrite their fair share of our valuable programs.

## **Community Need/Benefits**

DuPage County has experienced significant increases in its senior population. Many older people need assistance in order to maintain their health and independence. This is particularly true for those seniors who are frail and have little or no family living near them. The DSCC Nutrition and Home Maintenance Programs address these needs by providing seniors the assistance they need in order to remain a part of the community many have lived in for their entire life.

DSCC is requesting funding from the Village of Downers Grove to help meet the unfunded expense of operating its Senior Nutrition and Home Maintenance Programs. The continued growth of these programs clearly demonstrates that seniors need a reliable source they can turn to for assistance. If DSCC did not operate these programs, each community would either be unable to assist their seniors or they would need to replicate and fund a similar program on their own. By supporting our programs, municipalities have these valuable services available for their residents for a fraction of the cost.

The programs offered by DSCC strive to preserve the independence of seniors by helping them to avoid premature institutionalization, maintain their best possible health, and lessen their fear of isolation. We provide seniors with the assistance they need so that they may continue to live in a safe, functional, and healthy environment.

## **Service Provided to Downers Grove Seniors**

During the last fiscal year, approximately 475 senior residents of Downers Grove benefited from the DSCC Nutrition Program and received approximately 25,000 well-balanced meals. Another component to this program is our "Well-Being" check – an added benefit that is performed by our meal delivery staff and volunteers. This service ensures that a community's most fragile elderly are seen and tended to in case of an emergency. Our staff and volunteers are trained to watch for signs of problems and how to respond if they find a senior in distress.

DSCC also assisted 100 of your senior homeowners through our Home Maintenance Program. This included installation of safety equipment, assessments, referrals, but

mostly actual minor home repairs. Proper home maintenance helps keep the value of these homes comparable to neighboring homes, thereby keeping the value of neighboring homes as high as possible.

**Request**

DSCC is requesting funding from the Village of Downers Grove to help meet the unfunded expense of operating our Senior Nutrition and Home Maintenance Programs. The continued growth of these programs, coupled with the increased senior population clearly demonstrates that seniors need a reliable source they can turn to for assistance. We are asking you to contribute as much as possible to underwrite the cost of serving senior residents within the boundaries of your village.

**Nutrition Program:**

During the upcoming fiscal year, it will cost the DSCC over \$8.00 to deliver and serve a single meal to a needy senior. We can count on major funding sources to cover approximately \$4.00 of that unit cost. DSCC must raise the additional dollars through underwriters such as you.

Senior residents within the boundaries of the Village of Downers Grove were served over 25,000 meals during the past 12 months. The average donation directly from, or on behalf of those seniors we served in Downers Grove was \$ 2.12 per meal. We can only hope that the continued rising costs of living expenses for seniors does not drive the average donation amount substantially lower. If all things remain equal, at \$8.00 per meal, the cost gap to serve your senior residents is anticipated to be \$47,000 during this upcoming year for the Nutrition Program alone.

<b><u>Summary</u></b>	
25,000 meals X \$8.00 =	\$200,000
Confirmed other funding=	(\$100,000)
Anticipated Senior Donations=	(\$ 53,000)
Downer Grove Cost Gap	<b>\$47,000</b>

**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 cover \$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 sources is \$60 per hour, which still leaves a cost-gap of \$65 per hour. DSCC provided 100 hours of Home Maintenance services to Downers Grove seniors. The cost gap for the Home Maintenance Program for Downers Grove seniors is anticipated to be \$6,500 for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Summary**

100 service hours X \$125. =	\$12,500
Confirmed other funding=	(\$ 2,000)
Anticipated Senior Donations=	<u>(\$ 4,000)</u>
Downers Grove Cost Gap	<b>\$ 6,500</b>

We appreciate your consideration and support of our request for funds for these important programs in your current fiscal budget. The total cost gap is **\$53,500** and is the amount of our request this year.

Your community's support is vital in our efforts to help seniors remain in their homes in a manner that promotes health, safety, independence and dignity.

Thank you!