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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 94-27

From: Mayor Stein

Date: May 5, 1994

Subject: Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. Funding Request

Council and the Administration have received a request from WASI for \$25,000 to fund part of their Senior citizen program. The money is requested to make up for decreases in their usual sources of support.

I have asked the Clerk to add their request to the agenda with the related charitable funding requests from Kids Are People, Valley Women's Resource Center and the Wasilla Area Health Council.

Council may include the WASI request or consider it as a separate issue. If Council wishes to add WASI to Ordinance No. 94-14 or 94-14 (Substitute) it should be done with a floor amendment.

John C. Stein, Mayor

cc: WASI

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April 21, 1994

John Stein, Mayor
City of Wasilla
290 E. Herning
Wasilla, Ak. 99654

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City of Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Mayor Stein:

The Board of Directors have been looking into the financial position of the Senior Center for the future years and have come to the conclusion that we are going to need some help if we are going to maintain our senior programs at our current level.

We took a cut in our State grant we are currently operating on of \$7,000 last July. The legislature is currently considering an additional cut of about 5% for fiscal 95. United Way is advising us that they will probably not be able to fund us 100% We are not receiving any pull tab gaming monies this year which in the past have partially offset the shortages. Our senior population is increasing and so are the demands on our programs. Our costs have increased, especially insurance, as we advised you earlier.

We have put together the attached proposal for your consideration. You will note the examples of other Cities in Alaska that provide financial support for the senior programs and the precedent set. We appreciate your and the City Councils consideration of this request. We will be happy to come to a Council meeting and discuss this with you. If you have any questions or would like additional information please call me.

Sincerely,

Tim Anderson
Executive Director

PROPOSAL TO THE CITY OF WASILLA
FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAMS
PROVIDED AT WASILLA SENIOR CENTER

Background - History

Wasilla area seniors was founded in 1981 as a non profit agency with the intention of serving the needs of the seniors of the greater Wasilla area. Our bylaws mission states:

"This organization is for the purpose of forming a society of older Alaskan residents whose objective is to fulfill the promise of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended in 1975, 1978, and 1981, and in the intent of the Alaska Legislature as expressed in Chapter 79, SLA 81 (generally known as House Bill 17) to achieve the full and free enjoyment of life in later years with the maximum self determination and control."

The land for the Senior Center was donated to the City in 1982 and over the years the seniors have built a very modern Senior Center which now exceeds 12,000 square feet. There are full kitchen facilities, dining facilities, craft rooms, recreation room with exercise equipment. These facilities have been built over the years by the seniors with State grants and other sources. The City of Wasilla owns these facilities and leases them back to Wasilla Area Seniors without a charge.

Wasilla Senior Center provides a much needed service to the Seniors of the Wasilla Area. We have a grant from the State Older Alaskans Commission to provide nutrition and transportation services for this area. We currently serve a hot meal each weekday at noon. We also operate a home delivered meal program to seniors who need this service. We expect to serve 27,000 meals this year. Currently we serve about 100 per day in the dining room and deliver 25 per day to home bound seniors. We also provide transportation to seniors, including wheel chair, for doctors, dentists, shopping, banking, and other needs. We will provide about 3200 rides this year. We also provide a social center in which the seniors get the much needed social contact. This includes crafts, exercise room, recreation room, and meeting room. We have some older computers available for seniors to learn on and to use and we provide training to teach seniors to use the computers. The other service we provide is an information and referral service. This is very important to seniors and provides help with dealing with government, longevity bonus, social security, tax exemptions, senior programs, and housing. We do much more then meets the eye.

PROPOSAL TO THE CITY OF WASILLA
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Statement of Need:

Wasilla Area Seniors has operated since inception without direct annual support from the local government agencies. There is a precedent established for local governments to support their local Senior Centers. The cities of Valdez, Kenai, Kodiak, and Homer, all provide annual support to the senior programs. Nikiski has passed a property tax mill levy that is dedicated just for senior programs and facilities.

Our programs are currently under funded and we are constantly staging fund raising events and requesting donations to keep our programs running. Our current budget for running our nutrition and transportation programs is \$395,000. Of this total \$124,000 is in-kind donations which include the donation of the building from the City. We receive a grant of \$117,000 from the State, \$46,000 from the Federal Government, and several local grants including United Way totaling about \$30,000. each year. This leaves about \$80,000 which must be raised from our senior donations for the services and other fund raisers. Our State and Federal budgets have been cut each year for the past few years and another cut is currently included in this years State budget.

Our declining revenues are starting to take their toll on our agency. The employees have not had pay raises for several years, and currently receive no health insurance or retirement benefits. We noted in this years grant a sad point in that our auditors have valued the volunteer hours at a higher hourly rate then we pay our employees. Our insurance costs for the property liability and workmans compensation doubled last year. The building addition doubled our building size and doubled our utilities. We have rented part of the extra space out to help offset the increased utility costs.

Our seniors needs change frequently and the number of seniors living in this area is increasing. The baby boomers are soon to become seniors. We currently have 64 housing units located around the Center and plans for as many as 100 more for 1995. Our population is going up and our funding is going down. We are doing our best to keep up with the demand for our services, however it is very evident we will need some local assistance.

We would like to request the City of Wasilla to help the Senior Center by including in your annual budget an appropriation which can be used to help pay the operational costs of running the Center. We have attached a detailed budget for this request. We believe the City has a obligation to assist the senior population of this area and help provide them with the services they need to maintain an independent safe and healthy life style.

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The seniors needs change frequently and the number of seniors living in this area is increasing. The baby boomers are soon to become seniors. We currently have 54 housing units located around the center and plans for as many as 100 more for 1997. Our population is being pulled out and our funding is being drawn. We are doing our best to keep up with the demand for our services, however it is very evident we will need the local assistance.

We would like to request the City of Valdez to hold the Senior Center by including in your annual budget an appropriation which can be used to help pay the operation costs of running the center. We have attached a detailed budget for this request. We believe the City has a obligation to act for the senior population of this area and help provide them with the services they need to maintain an independent life and a quality life style.

Wasilla Area Seniors
Request for Financial Assistance From
City of Wasilla

Total annual funds requested \$25,000

We propose using these funds as follows:

Building Contents and Liability Insurance	3,000
Vehicle insurance	3,000
Building Utilities	5,000
Food and Supplies for Meal Programs	6,000
Vehicle and Transportation Costs	3,000
Employee Benefits, Retirement,	5,000

We would like to use the City appropriation for operational costs. The above figures reflect areas in which we currently have excess costs and are suggested uses. Operational cost assistance would allow us to reallocate other grant funds to the determined needs and shortages each year.

Washita Press Senior's
Request for Financial Assistance From
City of Washita

\$25,000	Total annual funds requested
	We propose using these funds as follows:
3,000	Building Contents and Liability Insurance
3,000	Vehicle Insurance
2,000	Building Utilities
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3,000	Vehicle and Transportation Costs
2,000	Employee Benefits, Retirement,

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May 17, 1994

John Stein, Mayor
City of Wasilla
290 E. Herning
Wasilla, Ak. 99654

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MAY 17 1994

City of Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Mayor Stein:

This is in follow-up to our request for funding assistance for the operation of the Senior Center. I have recieved updated information on our F.Y. 95 funding levels and would like to address several of the concerns I heard at the Council meeting last week.

First the funding level news is not good and makes this request for City assistance much more urgent. I received news today that our F.Y. 95 grant from United Way of Mat-Su will be cut from \$27,500 to \$21,500. The Legislature also cut the Older Alaskans Commission funding and we have been informed this will also cut out program by up to \$2,000. So we are now facing at least \$8,000 in real cuts. This is much more then I had anticipated. The City contribution is now needed to fill this gap along with the other proposal needs.

One concern expressed at the last meeting was that funding non-profit proposals would open a flood gate. That may be so however we feel you should look at the local Senior Center a little differently. We are not a local little league or hockey group. These groups all serve their purposes. We are the elders of your community and we are strong contributing members with our pensions, Social Security, our volunteer hours, and our local shopping habits. The precedent for local governments to help fund senior services is strongly established. I agree with the premise that the City has a considerable investment here at the Center with this beautiful building and our successful program. An investment given to the City by the past, present and future seniors.

Another area discussed was boundaries of the Senior Center services. We do serve a few seniors outside the City limits but the boundaries are pretty well defined since Palmer has a Center, as does Houston - Big Lake. The majority of our seniors live within the City and those that live outside the

May 11, 1984

John Chern, Mayor
City of Seattle
390 E. Harrison
Seattle, WA 98102

Dear Mayor Chern:

This is in reply to our request for funding assistance
for the operation of the Senior Center. I have reviewed
your information on our P.Y. 82 funding levels and would
like to address several of the concerns I noted at the
recent meeting last week.

First the funding level news is not good for seniors. The
request for City assistance with more senior centers
was rejected and our P.Y. 82 funds from that day on have
will be cut from \$27,000 to \$21,000. The funding level
of the other Alaska Community Funding and we have been
informed that will also cut our program by up to 11,000. As
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funding situation. We are not a local little league or
other group. These groups all serve their purposes. We are
the center of our community and we are a non-competitive
center with our general Social Security, our volunteer
board, and our local shopping habits. The president of
local government to have fund senior services is strongly
encouraged. I agree with the premise that the City has
responsibility to provide for the needs of the elderly.
I would appreciate your assistance in this regard. As you know
I am sure that the City is the best present and future center
for the elderly.

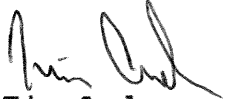
I am sure that you understand the importance of the Senior Center
and the services it provides for the elderly. I am sure that
you will be able to help us in our efforts to improve the
quality of life for the elderly in our community.

City are close and contribute to economy of the City for all their basic needs. The seniors are also very supportive of the City. They like the Police Department and don't mind paying the cost of the protection and more secure feeling it provides.

I really like the idea that was brought up to look into combining some of the costs such as insurance and employee benefits. This makes sense and would probably save money. We would be happy if the City could help us in this manner. Saving those costs would free up other grant funds which we could use to meet the other needs addressed in our proposal. I would encourage more investigation into this.

As I pointed out at the meeting we are asking for inclusion into the F.Y. 95 budget. The proposal to donate a sum to the United Way is fine for dealing with most of your requests. We believe the Seniors are different and we would like to see the relationship between the City and our Seniors grow. Please support the funding of our Center. Thank You.

Sincerely,



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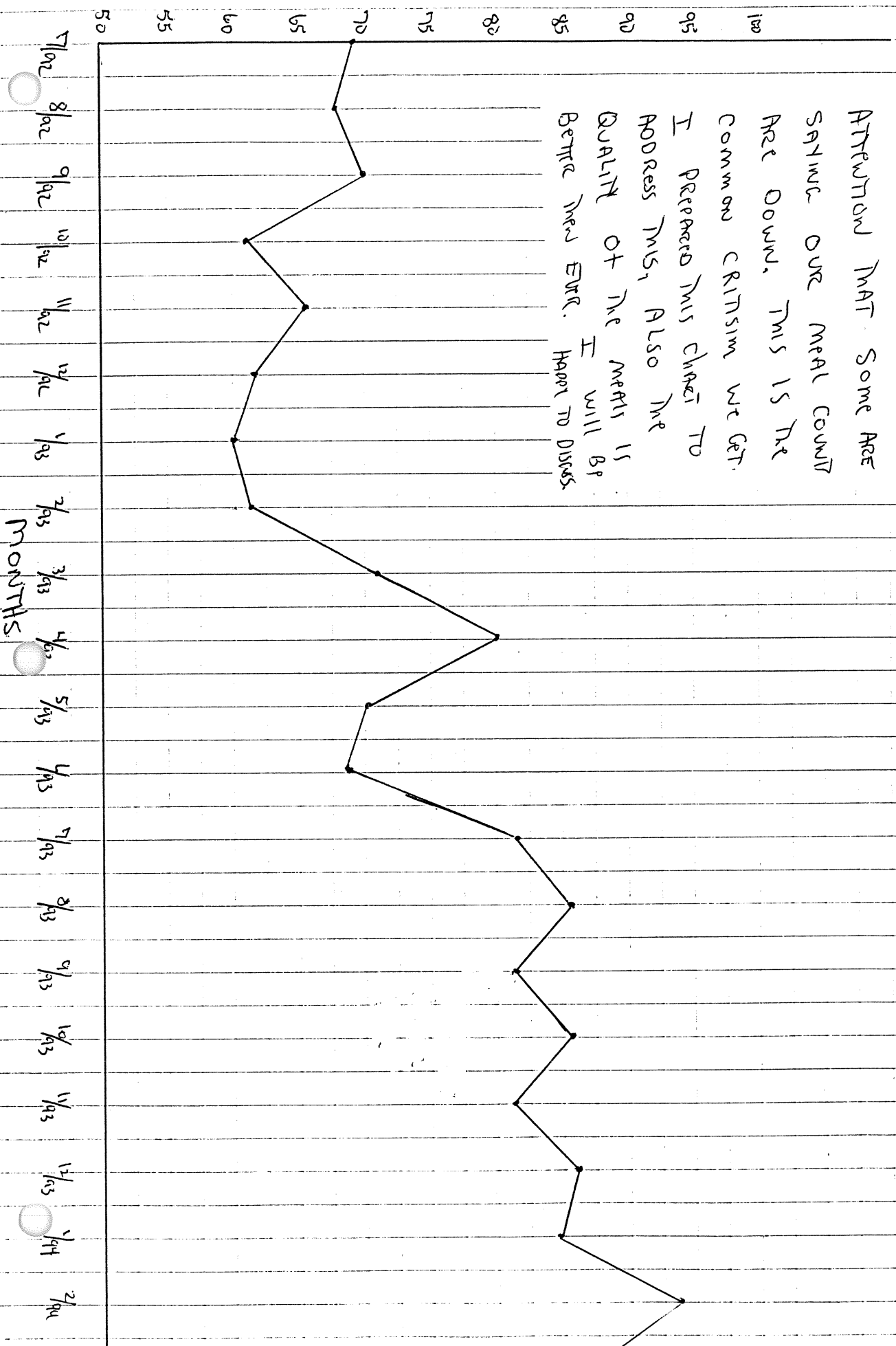
Sincerely,

Tim Anderson
Executive Director

WASILLA SENIORS AVERAGE DAILY MEAL COUNTS
MEALS AT CENTER

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT SOME ARE SAYING OUR MEAL COUNT ARE DOWN. THIS IS THE COMMON CRITISIM WE GET. I PREFERRED THIS CHART TO ADDRESS THIS, ALSO THE QUALITY OF THE MEALS IS BETTER THAN EVER. I WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS

NUMBER OF MEALS PER DAY

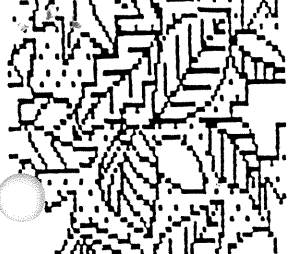


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 MEAT LOAF GRAVY PARSLEY POTA MIXED VEGE'S ROLLS PEARS	3 CREAMED TURKEY ON BISCUITS SPINACH CASSEROLE ASSTD. PIES	4 B.B. Q. CHICKEN BAKED POTA. CORN CORN BREAD PUDDING	5 FISH CASS. W/ SAUCE PEAS & CARR. RICE PILAF ROLLS PEACHES	6 CHEESE LASAGNE WINTER VEGS. GARLIC BREAD ASST. FRUIT	7
8 MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH	9 CHEF'S CHOICE !	10 BEEF TIPS W/NOODLES STRING BEANS ROLLS BROWNIES	11 SALISBURY STEAK HASHED POT. GRAVY SEASONED BEETS BISCUITS VPSD.CAKE	12 OVN. BKD. CHICKEN BOILED POT. GRAVY BROCCOLI COOKIES	13 SPAGHETTI W/MEAT SAUCE GARLIC BREAD ITALIAN VEGS. CHERRY COBBLER	14
15	16 CABBAGE CASSEROLE W/BEEF TATER TOTS ROLLS ICE CREAM	17 LIVER & ONIONS SCALLOP/POT. ASST/VEGS. ROLLS STRAWBERRIES	18 MACARONI/ CHEESE HAM PEAS ROLLS PUDDING	19 ROAST TURK MASHED POT. GRAVY STRING BEANS DRESSING ROLLS CRANBERRIES BIRTHDAYCAKE	20 SWISS STK. OVEN POTATOE SEASONED CABBAGE ROLLS CHEERY CAKE	21
22	23 CREAMED TUNA RICE FRESH CARROTS ROLLS COOKIES	24 SHEPPARD PIE MIXED VEGS. ROLLS CHERRY CAKE	25 BOILED DINNER FRESH VEGS. CORN BREAD BLUE BERRY COBBLER	26 BEEF RIBS. BAKED BEANS CORN ROLLS GRANOLA BAR.	27 SWEDISH MEAT BALLS NOODLES GREEN BEANS PUDDING	28
29	30 HOLIDAY	31 COUNTRY GRAVY BISCUITS PEAS ICE CREAM.				

SERVED DAILY

SALAD BAR AND BEVERAGES - INCLUDES JUICEBAR, COFFEE, TEA, MILK
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE DUE TO FOOD SUPPLY.

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