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COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 97-16

From: Duane Dvorak, City Planner

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Subject: Ordinance No. 97-22, Appropriating \$25,000 for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for an Employment Feasibility Study on behalf of disabled residents of the Mat-Su Valley.

Last fall, the Council approved a CDBG grant application for Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults, a local service provider for severely disabled residents of the Mat-Su Valley. The CDBG is a pass-through grant that must be administered by the local government. As you may recall, the grant was required to include a 5% administrative fee at the time of Council approval.

The grant has now been awarded and it requires the Council to appropriate the funds before any money can be disbursed for the project study. In addition, certain negotiable items must be addressed between DCRA, the City and the Mat-Su Services before the project can begin.

At a subsequent meeting there may be two or three resolutions for the Council to consider that are also related to this grant. As a federal pass-through grants, the City is required to have certain policies in place that are consistent with federal requirements for equal employment opportunity, fair housing and nondiscrimination on the basis of handicapped status. Once these policies are in place, they may well serve in the future for another CDBG or other federal grant that the City might request.

Staff recommends that the Council introduce Ordinance No. 97-22, accepting a CDBG grant for \$25,000, and set it for public hearing at the next regular meeting on April 14, 1997.