

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **2016/2017 ASSET PRIORITIES**

BACKGROUND:

In preparation for the FY 2016/17 ASSET funding cycle, the City's ASSET volunteers reviewed the priorities that had been set for the current fiscal year (listed below). Upon review, the volunteers felt that the existing ASSET priorities adequately reflect the need in the community and the City's role in funding human services. Therefore, the ASSET priorities recommended for FY 2016/17 are the same as those adopted by the City Council for FY 2015/16:

#1 Meet basic needs, with emphasis on low to moderate income:

- Housing cost offset programs, including utility assistance
- Sheltering
- Quality childcare cost offset programs, including daycare and State of Iowa licensed in home facilities
- Food cost offset programs, to assist in providing nutritious perishables and staples
- Transportation cost offset programs for the elderly and families
- Legal assistance
- Disaster response

#2 Meet mental health and chemical dependency needs

- Provide outpatient emergency access to services
- Provide crisis intervention services
- Provide access to non-emergency services
- Ensure substance abuse preventions and treatment is available in the community

#3 Youth development services and activities

- Provide services for social development

The volunteers agreed that the priorities as presented align with their understanding of the needs in the community. The ASSET funding process will begin on August 26, 2015, for FY 2016/17. ASSET volunteers will then begin their agency visits to discuss services and gather information in preparation for the hearings and work sessions in January, 2016.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the FY 2016/17 ASSET priorities as presented
2. Do not change the priorities and approve the existing priorities

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The ASSET volunteers have discussed the community needs and have considered the City Council's goals. They are seeking approval of the priorities indicated above.

Therefore, in accordance with the ASSET volunteers' advice, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the FY 2016/17 ASSET priorities as presented above.