

ITEM # 9  
DATE: November 6, 2008

### COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A CHANGE TO THE 2008/09 ASSET CONTRACT WITH GOOD NEIGHBOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

**BACKGROUND:**

In June of this year, as a part of the approval of the 2008/09 Budget, the City Council approved a contract with Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance in the amount of \$11,000. The contract contained \$8,500 to purchase Basic Material Needs assistance, and \$2,500 for Employment Assistance for Adults.

As Good Neighbor has recently hired a new Director, he and the Board have discussed the priorities and direction for the agency. As a result of those discussions, Good Neighbor has decided to drop the Employment Assistance program for now, and focus on the Basic Material Needs area. The current uncertain economic conditions made this decision all the more necessary.

Good Neighbor is requesting that the \$2,500 originally allocated to the Employment Assistance program, be re-allocated to the Basic Material Needs program. **No new money is being requested; the total \$11,000 allocation will now be entirely in the Basic Material Needs area.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council may approve the request from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, and revise the 2008/09 contract to allocate the City's entire \$11,000 funding to the Basic Material Needs program.
2. The City Council may deny this request.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Good Neighbor's Board of Directors and its Director have been very proactive in these difficult economic times, and have reviewed the agency's priorities. This action is to be commended.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, and approve the request from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, and revise the 2008/09 contract to allocate the City's entire \$11,000 funding to the Basic Material Needs program.