ATTACHMENT C

BUDGET ISSUE SUMMARY FORM

Budget Issue Title: **Funding for New Neighborhood Grant Program**

Department: **Office of the City Manager**

1. **Issue Summary (briefly describe the budget issue):**
On August 16, 2005, (RTC #05-244) Council directed staff to develop the framework for a neighborhood association grant program during FY05/06 and include implementation costs in the City Manager's recommended budget for FY06/07. Council approved annual funding in the amount of $2,500, but directed staff to consider increasing that funding to $10,000 when reviewing all other budgetary considerations for Fiscal Year 06/07.

2. **Is the budget issue a: PROJECT ____ OPERATING X**

3. **If the issue is operating, specify the change in service level(s) that would result (from what, to what). If the issue is a project, write N/A.**

   - Increase in total funds available for neighborhood grants from $2,500 to $10,000
   - Increase in maximum size of individual grant awards from $500 to $1,500

4. **Note the issue's relationship to the appropriate general plan goal, policy, and/or action statement. (Briefly explain significant needs and expected benefits, noting possible outcome from postponement.)**

   Action Statement 7.2B.3a: Identify and strengthen contacts between the City and community organizations.

   Action Statement 7.2B.4: Community Self-Reliance: Encourage and support the development of greater community self-reliance for problem-solving through effective community and neighborhood organizations.

   Action Statement 7.2B.4a: Identify and support mechanisms to strengthen the capability of community organizations to achieve community-wide goals.

   Action Statement 7.2B.6a: Seek opportunities for the City to be a catalyst to increase the frequency, amount and impact of contributions from citizens, community organizations and businesses.

This program is consistent with Council's focus on community building and community engagement. While there is no fiscal downside to postponing implementation, the neighborhood grant program is a natural follow-up to the community building and participation activities, including the Community Workshop, that have been initiated over the past 1-2 years. Neighborhood grant programs have been cited by many cities as an effective way of building community partnership and civic engagement, and Sunnyvale residents have been receptive to the City's recent community building efforts. By empowering residents to improve the quality of life within their neighborhoods, and at the same time building a stronger sense of community, the program continues the City's focus on strengthening Sunnyvale's neighborhoods and neighborhood associations.

5. **Origin of issue:** City Council Action on RTC #05-244, brought to Council on August 16, 2005

6. **Projected cost (list rough annual cost of budget item):**

Operating Issue $ 13,896 (Annual Operating Costs)

Capital/Project $_____ (Project Cost)
$_____ (Associated Annual Operating Costs)

Reviewed:

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Department Director ***Date***

APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER ***Date***