

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, District 4

DATE: July ~~20~~²¹, 2008

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to Eskaton Senior Residences and Services *Companionship Plus Program* as requested by Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to Eskaton Senior Residences and Services *Companionship Plus Program* as requested by Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help fund Eskaton Senior Residences and Services *Companionship Plus Program*. When aging adults can no longer drive, their independence is threatened and they are forced to reduce their activities which means a reduced ability to accomplish basic tasks. The Companionship Plus Program is addressing this challenge by offering escorted transportation to medical appointments, shopping and other needed services. Eskaton Companionship Plus provides trained drivers who serve as both companions and advocates for their older adult clients. The funds designated towards this program will enable the Companionship Plus program to offer subsidized transportation to older adults who otherwise could not afford this essential service.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

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Senior Residences and Services

Eskaton Foundation
Supporting Services for Seniors in Need

Dear Friends,

We all value our independence. The ability to come and go when and where we please is almost an inalienable right. When aging adults can no longer drive, their independence is threatened and they are faced with difficult choices. Some move prematurely to institutional settings; others are forced to reduce their activities; and, unfortunately, a few continue to drive unsafely. Being dependent on others for transportation means a reduced ability to accomplish basic tasks and a loss of social connectedness.

The Senior Connection is addressing this challenge by offering escorted transportation to medical appointments, shopping and other needed services. The program, called Eskaton Companionship Plus, provides trained drivers who serve as both companions and advocates for their older adult clients. Here's how it works.

At 9:15 AM Eskaton Companionship Plus activity coordinator, Colleen arrives at the door of ninety-one-year-old Dorothy, ready to accompany her to a doctor's appointment. After a visit to the physician, Dorothy and Colleen go to the laboratory for Dorothy's blood work, pick up a prescription at her pharmacy and purchase a few grocery items. At the end of their trip Dorothy has food in her refrigerator, medicine for her heart and the memory of a good conversation with her friend Colleen.

Although fees for this program only cover the cost of services, there are still many seniors who cannot afford the expense. Eskaton has a small grant to establish a transportation fund to enable the Companionship Plus program to offer subsidized transportation to older adults who otherwise could not afford a ride. We ask that you consider helping us expand this fund.

Your donation will help a senior, like Dorothy, get to essential services, decrease her sense of isolation and restore her feelings of independence.

Thank you for caring.



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