

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Congregate Meal Program provides a place for older adults to gather to share nutritious lunchtime meals provided at no charge, and including physical activity, games and conversation;

**WHEREAS**, the Congregate Meals Program has been provided by Meals on Wheels and More through a partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) and the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to provide meals to seniors at seven community centers in Austin;

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 seniors received approximately 70,000 meals through the Congregate Meals Program, and 45,000 meals have been served in the current fiscal year;

**WHEREAS**, Meals on Wheels and More has relied on its own funds for the last two years to support the Congregate Meals program to ensure that service levels would not decrease;

**WHEREAS**, due to funding cuts as a result of sequestration and other factors, Meals on Wheels and More is no longer able to subsidize the Congregate Meals program approximately 15,000 meals at the cost of \$104,000;

**WHEREAS**, without this funding, the Congregate Meals Program will no longer be able to serve meals after the end of July 2013, even if services are cut back; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The city manager is directed to present options for funding the Congregate Meals Program through the end of the fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$104,000;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The city manager is directed to determine the feasibility of increasing the next fiscal year's allocation from the City of Austin to the interlocal agreement with CAPOCOG to include the current allocation of \$182,000 and an additional \$76,500 for a total of \$258,500, in order to maintain current levels of service;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The city manager is directed to identify funding in the amount of \$104,000 to ensure the continued provision of congregate meals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The city manager is directed to report back to the city council on June 27, 2013 to provide actionable alternatives.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2013      **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk