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Dear Outside Agencies,

As we begin the process of developing the 2008 budget for the City of Lawrence, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the work your agency does for the Lawrence community. The services you provide are essential to the lives of many and Lawrence would not be the same without your agency's commitment to service.

The City Commission is anticipating fiscal constraints for the 2008 budget. Along with the challenge of identifying options for generating additional revenue, we continue to see rising costs for infrastructure maintenance and repair as well as additional community needs and desires. These challenges are anticipated for both the general fund and the special alcohol fund.

It is unlikely that City resources will be available to support any increase in funding for outside agencies in 2008. Please take this into consideration and make your funding requests accordingly.

The applications materials for outside agency requests for the 2008 budget are now online at www.lawrenceks.org (see City Budget section.) Please take note of the changes in the application. The application places more emphasis on measurable outcomes and objectives for programs. This emphasis will also be reflected in future reporting requirements.

Application materials should be submitted electronically to cliebst@ci.lawrence.ks.us by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. If you have questions, please contact the City Manager's office at 785-832-3400.

In the coming weeks, the City will be moving forward with a social service needs assessment to help identify and prioritize community needs. You will be invited to a meeting to discuss the assessment and the involvement of your agency.

Again, thank you for your agency's service to our community. I am sure that working together, we can continue to make a difference for the people of Lawrence.

Sincerely,

Mike Amyx

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