

## REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee received an Executive Director Report by Dr. Donald McIsaac that included two items: (1) status of calendar year (CY) 2002 expenditures and projected year end expenses, and (2) an assessment of likely funding and recommended general spending priorities for 2003.

**Status of CY 2002 Budget** - The status of the total CY 2002 budget was discussed by the committee. Staff indicated that overall expenditures were near projections of the original budget with no expectation that there would be any year end funds remaining from the CY 2002 grant. The staff will continue to closely monitor the status of expenditures until the end of the calendar year.

**Funding for 2003** - The Budget Committee received a report indicating that Congressional appropriations which include the Council's CY 2003 budget are still pending. The federal programs will be operating by continuing resolution in the initial phases of fiscal year (FY) 2003. Congress may pass an omnibus appropriations bill at some point after the upcoming election. However, it may not be possible to know with certainty what the actual Council funding level will be until as late as next March. Thus, the CY 2003 funding base level for the Council is unknown at this time and a grant application has not been submitted.

Council staff provided proposed general priorities for expending CY 2003 funds. After review and discussion, the Budget Committee approved the proposed general budget priorities as contained in Ancillary E, Supplemental Budget Committee Reference (attached), and scheduled a Budget Committee meeting for the March Council meeting to review the financial situation at that time.

**Other Issues** - Dr. McIsaac also reported on an issue regarding travel, specifically airline tickets and alternatives to the travel agency that handles the Council travel. A test with a different vendor is underway. The Council staff will provide an update on this matter at some point in the future.

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