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# SC Council Simplifies Application Process For Those Seeking Revenue Sharing Funds

The Santa Cruz City Council has simplified the process to be followed by individuals and organizations seeking allocations from the city's federal revenue sharing funds.

A public hearing on proposed uses of federal revenue sharing funds will be held by the council Feb. 16. The deadline for applications for the funds is March 12.

The process relieves applicants of the past burden of appearing twice before the City Council to justify their funding applications, a requirement that sometimes made it appear they were begging.

At the Feb. 16 meeting the City Council wants to hear all types of proposals, not simply the proposals applicants.

Councilmember John Laird, who proposed the changes, told his colleagues:

"It may be that we would want to take action on other problems, perhaps youth gangs, and I would want to hear proposals on all problems of concern to the people."

Councilman Joe Ghio said he was glad they were going to eliminate one public hearing because the two hearings were pretty repetitive.

After the applications are received in March the council will direct the staff on priority considerations and

schedule a budget hearing for June 15.

Before this hearing, City Manager Richard Wilson will submit analyses and recommendations covering each application for funds.