

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 09, 2024**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 10**

**SUBJECT: DISTRICT 4 STORM RESPONSE AND RECOVERY GRANT (DISTRICT: 4)**

**OVERVIEW**

On January 22, 2024, San Diego County faced unprecedented rainstorms that lead to widespread flooding and a proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor for San Diego County on January 23, 2024, and an additional State of Emergency proclamation on February 4, 2024. The floods caused immense property damage and devastation throughout the county including many District 4 communities. The damage was extensive including hundreds of homes resulting in over 1,200 displaced San Diegans, and ultimately led to a Major Disaster Declaration by the Biden Administration for San Diego County on February 19, 2024.

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) have played a vital role in flood recovery efforts. These CBOs have worked around the clock since the initial flooding on January 22, 2024, to provide emergency shelter, health and social support services, cleanup assistance, aid in disaster assessments, and additional response efforts. Several organizations that have made tremendous efforts in service to the flood victims include, but are not limited to, the Jackie Robinson YMCA of San Diego, the member organizations of the Southeast Disaster Response Team, the Harvey Family Foundation, The Chicano Federation, The American Red Cross of San Diego and Imperial Counties, Spring Valley Community Alliance, and the Casa de Oro Alliance.

District 4 has a remaining balance of \$474,163 of unspent Community Enhancement (CE)/ARPA funds from the previous allocation in 2021. These funds were not expended by the previous District 4 Supervisor for current designated use to help community enhancement groups with COVID recovery. With this action, District 4 will be able to allocate the remaining funding where it is most needed in service to the residents of District 4. The most appropriate use of the remaining funds at this time is in support of CBOs in their ongoing efforts to aid flood victims. These organizations continue to provide essential services for flood victims of San Diego County and they are deserving of our ongoing fiscal support in their efforts.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE**

1. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to transfer the remaining balance of \$474,163 in the District 4 Community Enhancement-ARPA account to the “District 4 Storm Response and Recovery Grant.”
2. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to distribute the remaining \$474,163 in accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy B-58 to organizations assisting in storm response and recovery efforts in District 4 from January 22, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Decades of inadequate and inequitable infrastructure investments left communities of color and low-income communities throughout District 4 vulnerable to devastation from a natural disaster such as the hundred-year rainstorm that hit San Diego County in Winter 2024. To overcome these failures,

Community Based Organizations serve a vital role in addressing the specific needs of these communities. By supporting the efforts of these CBOs through grant funding, the County can serve as a partner in providing for the basic needs of flood victims who have had to unjustly bear the consequences of years of neglect to their communities.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A critical component to the sustainability of the region is resiliency, as outlined in the County's Strategic Plan. The ability to respond to, and recover from, disasters is essential. In order to fulfill this role, the County must continue to provide grant funding to CBOs performing work on the ground supporting and solidifying efforts to ensure basic needs (shelter, food, healthcare) are met for communities impacted by natural disasters.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in Finance Other, Community Enhancement ARPA Program. If approved, this request will result in estimated one-time costs of \$474,163 redirected to organizations assisting in storm response and recovery efforts in District 4 from January 22, 2024. The funding source is ARPA program allocation. These ARPA funds may be used directly or leveraged through a revenue loss strategy to redirect existing General Purpose Revenue, which will in turn be available for this program. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
by Andrew Potter