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CHAIR

**SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: November 15, 2022

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM
GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 4)**

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

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1. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement ARPA Program budget (Org 12905) to Friends of the Water Conservation a 501(c)(3) to help cover the cost of facilities team such as the Operations Manager position that was expanded and urgently needed following the re-opening of the Garden after their Spring 2020 shutdown.
2. Allocate \$50,000 from the Community Enhancement ARPA Program budget (Org 12905) Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego, Inc. a 501(c)(3) to support the meal program operations to address temporary COVID-19 restrictions to rebuild their participation and contributions and resume full in-house meal service.
3. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement ARPA Program budget (Org 12905) to The San Diego Art Institute to help provide funds for their Everyday Equity Free Admission Initiative which provides complimentary admission to all for eleven exhibitions annually at both ICA San Diego campuses in Encinitas and Balboa Park.
4. Allocate \$44,865 from the Community Enhancement Program ARPA budget (Org 12905) to San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, Inc. to fund for COVID Recovery to support the school outreach program recovery that will bring student participation numbers back up from COVID and grow.

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5. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Alzheimer's San Diego to pay the cost of Spanish-language education, personalized one-on-one consultations, and a support group to enhance dementia-specific services that will help Spanish-speaking San Diegans more effectively navigate dementia.
6. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Autism Society San Diego to support the expansion of Pool PALS which includes expanding lessons to a minimum of new locations in the County and hiring and training new instructors which will give Autism Society San Diego the ability to reduce the waiting list of Pool PALS and save the lives of more children and adults with autism.
7. Allocate \$19,918 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to BIPOC Support Foundation to help pay for partial director's salaries for the Explore Next Door After School at Perry Elementary school and to help pay for facility rental, field trips and transportation costs for the Explore Next Door After School at Valencia Park Elementary school.
8. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Climate Action Campaign to cover communications for public education around the Green New Deal Alliance (SDGNDA), resiliency, and County/regional Climate policies.
9. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to DISCO RIOT to support the Queer MVMNT Fest, S P A C E Alliance Artist Residency Program, Choreo & program, and ongoing donation-based dance classes.
10. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Girls on the Run San Diego to provide funds for the Girls on the Run Program by supporting trained volunteer coaches to lead more than 1,100 girls from all five County districts through lessons that encourage positive character development.
11. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Hillel of San Diego to support staff time to plan the Hillel Well program, recruit students through marketing and social media communications, provide mentorship, and organize events which supports stress management and combat anxiety and depression.
12. Allocate \$4,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair, Inc. to support event consultant to organize and stage the FY 23 festival, procure required permits, submit Sponsor packets, arrange public relations, oversee Parade Consultant, ensure County compliance, conduct monthly meetings, submit reimbursement, set evaluation plans, and report progress to board.
13. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Reading Legacies to support volunteer management of the Youth Readers Program in which high school students experience service and leadership through reading aloud and

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facilitating early literacy activities with children in Head Start preschools in their neighborhoods.

14. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to San Diego Parks Foundation to support the outreach and marketing to underrepresented neighborhoods for programming, informing youths and families what is available to them.
15. Allocate \$7,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Spring Valley Historical Society to cover operating expenses to pay property taxes, insurance coverage, and internet access to operate, maintain, preserve, and improve state and national historic landmarks in the East County community. Funds will also support tree trimming of pepper and palm trees that require frequent maintenance to ensure visitors are not in danger and the property is kept safe.
16. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Vehicles for Change San Diego, Inc. to help hire an Executive Director to oversee all aspects of the Pilot program, hire a social worker to provide support services, and to secure facilities.
17. Allocate \$11,947 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Wesley House Student Residence to fund social services and case management including administrative advocacy, public and financial aid application assistance, counseling, and referrals to essential resources and services.
18. Allocate \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Drugs & Diagnostics for Tropical Diseases to support a one-time expense to purchase a centrifuge that will be used to prepare certain critical reagents for large-scale manufacturing of HAV tests to help bring the rapid test to commercialization.
19. Allocate \$35,435 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to the Emilio Nares Foundation to help Ride With Emilio to purchase 2022 Hyundai Palisade SE passenger van which provides transportation ensuring that low-income children with cancer consistently access chemotherapy and other crucial medical appointments.
20. Allocate \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to The San Diego Hip Hop Health & Wellness to purchase equipment, supplies, education materials on health and wellness, race equipment, stage, trophies, and one-time web design costs to support the San Diego Hip Hop 5k and Festival which will spread awareness and gain sustainable support in the eradication of health-related illnesses.
21. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Mama's Kitchen to pay the cost of meal ingredients and containers for their Home-Delivered Meal Service to transform the health of critically ill San Diegans, enhance their

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ability to manage their diagnosis, and improve their short-term and long-term health outcomes.

22. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Nonprofit Solutions to help pay the cost of the following one-time expenses to offer hybrid learning services virtually and in-person: virtual and in-person audio, wireless access point for up to 8 microphones for facilitators and participants, 10-port network switch to connect devices on a computer network, wireless microphones, wall mount speakers, wireless microphone charger base, wireless facilities microphone, tracking cameras, speaker stands, portable projector, selfie stick tripod, Lenovo Chromebooks, laptop case, Macbook Air logistics laptop, Lenovo producer laptop, and an ASUS facilitator laptop.
23. Allocate \$55,800 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to San Diego Second Chance Program to renovate Second Chance's Westover Sober-Living Residence by replacing the windows, floors, and interior and exit doors which provides safe, stable temporary living accommodations for people coming out of incarceration as a first step on their journey toward permanent stability.
24. Allocate \$7,500 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Spring Valley Community Alliance to fund the cost of supplies and the time and labor required to complete all Utility Boxes to support their Community Beautification project which explores a potential long-term solution in deterring graffiti and vandalism which Bancroft Dr. in Spring Valley are often subjected to.
25. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Vehicles for Change San Diego, Inc. by purchasing the equipment to launch the Vehicles For Change San Diego Pilot Program such as hand tools, power tools, air compressors, Scan tool system and research books will be used with the goal of the trainees passing 3-5 ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certifications.
26. Allocate \$11,181 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Wesley House Student Residence to support the Student Food Pantry Expansion by adding space dedicated entirely to our food pantry will allow them to increase the amount of food available and the number of customers we can physically serve within any given week.
27. Allocate \$15,093 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Wintriss Technical Schools, Inc dba The League of Amazing Programmers to support the Promise Zone Tech Education Program through one-time cost for MacBooks which have the capacity to run complex coding programs, laptop cases, covers, and mouses.
28. Find that all the grants have a public purpose and that the grants made use ARPA funds are necessary to address an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the funded organization.

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29. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer to enter into agreements and make minor amendments to agreements that do not change the purpose or amount of the grant to organizations awarded funds.
30. Find that the proposed grants to Spring Valley Historical Society, San Diego Second Chance Program, South Bay Historical Society, Spring Valley Community Alliance, and Wesley House San Diego County are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act by Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

We recognize that the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. The proposed allocation of funds is intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds to nonprofits whose work addresses inequities by providing services to all throughout the county. Organizations are chosen for funding based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on underserved communities that contain higher numbers of People of Color and LGBTQ+ people. Organizations chosen should work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach, and programs. Supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony to verify the organization meets these goals.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action to support these organizations supports the County of San Diego's Goals of sustainability by funding organizations that support sustainability and environmental justice.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for these grant allocation requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement ARPA Program (Org 12905), Community Enhancement Program (Org 12900) and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15665). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$144,865 from the Community Enhancement ARPA Program (Org 12905), \$167,865 from the Community Enhancement Program (Org 12900) and \$180,009 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15665) totaling \$492,739. The funding sources are Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues and General Purpose Revenue.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Friends of the Water Conservation

The purpose of Friends of the Water Conservation Garden is to educate and inspire through excellent exhibits and programs that promote water conservation and the sustainable use of related natural resources. Today's allocation of \$25,000 to Friends of the Water Conservation will help

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cover the cost of facilities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic such as the Operations Manager position that was expanded and urgently needed following the re-opening of the Garden after their Spring 2020 shutdown.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego, Inc.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego, Inc. provides a “home-away-from-home” for families with children being treated for serious, often life-threatening conditions at local hospitals. Today’s allocation of \$50,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego, Inc. will help support the meal program operations to address temporary COVID-19 restrictions to rebuild their participation and contributions and resume full in-house meal service.

The San Diego Art Institute

The San Diego Art Institute advances regional contemporary art and artists while fostering cultural equity through access to meaningful art experiences. Today’s allocation of \$25,000 to The San Diego Art Institute will support their Everyday Equity Free Admission Initiative which provides complimentary admission to all eleven exhibitions annually at both ICA San Diego campuses in Encinitas and Balboa Park. Funding is necessary to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on this organization. Arts venues were particularly hard-hit by pandemic closures and this organization was no exception. Funding is needed to address loss of revenue resulting from the pandemic.

San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, Inc.

San Diego Civic Youth Ballet, Inc. strives to cultivate a learning environment based on integrity and trust and one that values diversity amongst its students, faculty, staff, and patrons. Today’s allocation of \$44,865 to San Diego Youth Ballet will support their COVID-19 recovery to support the school outreach program recovery that will bring student participation numbers back up from COVID and grow. In-person programs such as dance offered by this organization were particularly impacted by the pandemic.

Alzheimer’s San Diego

Alzheimer’s San Diego is here for people living with Alzheimer's, dementia, mild cognitive impairment, other brain changes or memory issues – and their caregivers. Today’s allocation of \$20,000 to Alzheimer’s San Diego will help pay the cost of Spanish-language education, personalized one-on-one consultations, and a support group to enhance dementia-specific services that will help Spanish-speaking San Diegans more effectively navigate dementia.

Autism Society San Diego

Autism Society San Diego connects people to the resources they need through education, advocacy, support, information and referral, and community programming. Today’s allocation of \$20,000 to Autism Society San Diego will support the expansion of Pool PALS which includes expanding lessons to a minimum of new locations in the County and hiring and training new instructors which will give Autism Society San Diego the ability to reduce the waiting list of Pool PALS and save the lives of more children and adults with autism.

BIPOC Support Foundation

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BIPOC Support Foundation believes that a single action can make a difference in the community, and that collective action can greatly impact the world. Today's allocation of \$19,918 to BIPOC Support Foundation will help pay for partial director's salaries for the Explore Next Door After School at Perry Elementary school and to help pay for facility rental, field trips and transportation costs for the Explore Next Door After School at Valencia Park Elementary school.

Climate Action Campaign

Climate Action Campaign is the leading climate advocacy organization in San Diego and Orange County with the mission to stop the climate crisis. Today's allocation of \$20,000 to Climate Action Campaign will cover communications for public education around the Green New Deal Alliance (SDGNDA), resiliency, and County/regional Climate policies.

DISCO RIOT

DISCO RIOT is an organization all about building a movement through movement to make art culture in San Diego more relevant, more impactful, and more collaborative. Today's allocation of \$5,000 to DISCO RIOT will support the Queer MVMNT Fest, S P A C E Alliance Artist Residency Program, Choreo & program, and ongoing donation-based dance classes.

Girls on the Run San Diego

Girls on the Run San Diego is dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Today's allocation of \$10,000 to Girls on the Run San Diego will support the Girls on the Run Program which provides girls with the skills necessary for positive physical, social, and emotional development.

Hillel of San Diego

Hillel of San Diego builds an inclusive community for nearly 2,000 students on a non-denominational basis who go to college in San Diego at SDSU, UC San Diego, CSU San Marcos, and University of San Diego. Today's allocation of \$5,000 to Hillel of San Diego will support staff time to plan the Hillel Well program, recruit students through marketing and social media communications, provide mentorship, and organize events which supports stress management and combat anxiety and depression.

Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair, Inc.

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Reading Legacies

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Spring Valley Historical Society

Spring Valley Historical Society operates the Bancroft Ranch House as a free museum dedicated to preserving the history of the Spring Valley area. Today's allocation of \$7,000 to Spring Valley Historical Society will cover operating expenses to pay property taxes, insurance coverage, and internet access to operate, maintain, preserve, and improve state and national historic landmarks in the East County community. Funds will also support tree trimming of pepper and palm trees that require frequent maintenance to ensure visitors are not in danger and the property is kept safe.

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Wesley House Student Residence

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Drugs & Diagnostics for Tropical Diseases

Drugs & Diagnostics for Tropical Diseases seek to reduce health inequity within local communities by providing a portfolio of low-cost Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) developed specifically for homeless individuals and people living in impoverished conditions. Today's allocation of \$20,000 to Drugs & Diagnostics for Tropical Diseases to support a one-time expense to purchase a centrifuge that will be used to prepare certain critical reagents for large-scale manufacturing of HAV tests to help bring the rapid test to commercialization.

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Mama's Kitchen

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

Respectfully submitted,



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Supervisor, Fourth District

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A