



DATE: November 27, 2018

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Approve Recommendations for One-Time Fiscal Year 2018-19 Community for All Grant Funding**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Authorize an increase in total Community for All funding by \$15,000 to grant \$75,000 in funds appropriated to support the "Community for All" City Council Major Goal for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19.
2. Approve the recommendation of the Human Relations Commission to award \$75,000 in one-time Community for All funding to 11 grant applicants for Fiscal Year 2018-19 as noted in Table 1 of this Council report.

BACKGROUND

One of the City Council's Major Goals for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 is to protect vulnerable populations and preserve the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of Mountain View. This goal is referred to as "Community for All." The Council appropriated \$75,000 in one-time funds and adopted several projects to accomplish the goal, one of which is to fund and improve awareness of and access to information and referral resources for immigrants, particularly for mixed-status families.

At the June 26, 2018 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the implementation of a time-limited Community for All grant program to award up to \$60,000 in one-time funding in Fiscal Year 2018-19 in the form of grants of up to \$10,000 each to eligible service agencies, community-based organizations, and other groups to support programs, projects, and events that promote the City Council's vision of supporting vulnerable populations and preserving the socioeconomic and cultural diversity in Mountain View.

ANALYSIS

Community for All Funding Cycle Process

As part of the development of the Community for All grant, staff reviewed existing City grant programs and processes to develop program guidelines, eligibility, evaluation criteria, and rating systems for the grant program. Additionally, staff solicited feedback and input from the Human Relations Commission (HRC) on evaluation criteria at its May 3, 2018 meeting.

The grant funding cycle was initiated on August 8, 2018. The City circulated an application and program guidelines to service agencies, community-based organizations, and other eligible groups who serve immigrant communities. The deadline for grant proposals was September 19, 2018.

At its November 1, 2018 Regular Meeting, the HRC listened to presentations on grant proposals, asked questions, and developed funding recommendations for the City Council's approval. The City Council has the sole discretion to approve or not approve recommendations for grant awards.

Overview of Fiscal Year 2018-19 Funding Requests

The City received 11 grant proposals for a total funding request of \$107,500, which exceeds the total funds budgeted by approximately \$32,500. Requests are \$47,500 more than the \$60,000 initially approved for the grant program. Applications were received from the following 11 organizations: Building Skills Partnership; Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County; Council on American-Islamic Relations – San Francisco Bay Area; Center for Employment Training; Community Services Agency; Day Workers Center; Islamic Networks Group; Just Read; Sacred Heart Community Services; Services Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN); and United Way Bay Area.

To make up this funding deficit, and to provide the HRC with the opportunity to consider funding each of the eligible program applicants, staff recommended allocating the total \$75,000 budgeted for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Of the grant proposals received, all of them met the eligibility criteria and one or both of the grant criteria focus areas of: (1) improving awareness of and access to information and referral resources; and (2) building community to help create an inclusive and welcoming environment for immigrant communities. Ten of the proposals have the express purpose of serving immigrants and seek funds for information and referral,

legal services, bystander intervention, and hate crimes or harassment training, community empowerment, cultural awareness educational panels, “know your rights” training, and rapid response network training to immigrant families, communities, and their allies.

The 11th proposal, from Just Read, provides tutoring services to underrepresented elementary school students who qualify for free or reduced-cost meal programs. The program provides educational support for students in need, which may include students from immigrant families. The HRC discussed whether this application qualifies under the grant focus area of building community to help create an inclusive and welcoming environment for immigrant communities and ultimately made a recommendation as set forth below.

The HRC’s recommendation is to fund, at \$9,300 each, six proposals for new or expanded direct services or training for immigrants in Mountain View (and for other residents who can be of assistance in providing a welcoming community) which were submitted by organizations not currently receiving other City funding. These organizations are:

- **Building Skills Partnership:** To provide English-language acquisition, digital literacy, citizenship preparation classes, and other services for immigrants related to workforce development, immigrant integration, and community advancement.
- **Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Francisco Bay Area:** To provide workshops on bystander intervention and deescalation strategies among other topics for Muslim and immigrant communities.
- **Center for Employment Training:** To provide presentations and legal consultation to help immigrants facing hate crimes or seeking immigration relief.
- **Islamic Networks Group:** To provide a series of educational panels and opportunities for dialog among diverse religious traditions.
- **Sacred Heart Community Services:** To increase access to the hotline for Mountain View residents in fear regarding their immigration status and to train additional Rapid Responders to assist neighbors in the event of immigration enforcement.
- **Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN):** To provide “Know Your Rights” training and increase access to SIREN’s free immigration legal services.

Four of the proposals are for enhanced information and referral, and are from organizations currently receiving other City funds. It is the HRC's recommendation that these organizations be funded at \$4,400 each.

- **Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County:** To deliver community talks regarding existing immigration policies, recent changes, myths versus facts, and Know Your Rights.
- **Community Services Agency:** To train Mountain View community leaders to help their neighbors navigate the social services network in the areas of immigration, domestic violence, and tenant rights.
- **Day Workers Center:** To hold four information events to gather immigrants and low-income Mountain View residents and provide food and information resources.
- **United Way:** To increase Mountain View resident access to and use of community resources through increased outreach, database development, and other efforts related to the United Way's 211 Program.

It is the HRC's recommendation that this organization providing tutoring services to underrepresented elementary school students who qualify for free or reduced-cost meal programs, be funded at \$1,600 because it benefits children in immigrant families.

- **Just Read:** To provide remedial math 1:1 tutoring classes in conjunction with online enhancements to fourth- and fifth-graders who are two to four years below grade level and enrolled at Monta Loma, Theuerkauf, and Mariano Castro Elementary Schools.

This results in a total funding allocation of \$75,000.

A summary of the grant funding requests and HRC's recommendation is included in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Summary of Community for All Funding Requests
 and HRC Recommendations**

Agency	Program/ Project Name	Amount Requested for 2019	HRC's Recommendations
New or Expanded Direct Services or Training for Immigrants in Mountain View (Agencies not currently receiving other City funding)			
Building Skills Partnership	Building a Welcoming Environment for Immigrants in Mountain View	\$10,000	\$9,300
Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Francisco Bay Area	Bystander Intervention Training and Community Empowerment Workshops	\$10,000	\$9,300
Center for Employment Training	Hate Crimes and Incidences Awareness/Immigration and Citizenship Services	\$10,000	\$9,300
Islamic Networks Group	Getting to Know Our Neighbors in the Context of Pluralism	\$10,000	\$9,300
Sacred Heart Community Service	Rapid Response Network	\$10,000	\$9,300
Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network	Here to Stay	\$10,000	\$9,300
Subtotal		\$60,000	\$55,000

Agency	Program/ Project Name	Amount Requested for 2019	HRC's Recommendations
Enhanced Information and Referral (Agencies currently receiving other City funding)			
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	Community Safety and Security Series: Immigration News and Policy	\$10,000	\$4,400
Community Services Agency	Community Navigators Program	\$10,000	\$4,400
Day Workers Center	Bring awareness to our community and resource for all	\$10,000	\$4,400
United Way Bay Area	211-City of Mountain View	\$10,000	\$4,400
Subtotal		\$40,000	\$17,600
Tutoring Services to Underrepresented Elementary School Students (Agency not currently receiving other City funding)			
Just Read	1:1 math tutoring assisted by online courses for fourth- and fifth-graders at MVWUSD who are two to four years below grade level	\$7,500	\$1,600
Subtotal		\$7,500	\$1,600
Agencies Total Funding Requested		\$107,500	—
Total Funding Recommended		—	\$75,000

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding of \$75,000 was appropriated in Fiscal Year 2017-18 with \$1,700 expended on one event. The balance of \$73,300 was rebudgeted and is appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget for projects associated with the Community for All goal. The City Manager's Office has additional funding available of \$1,700 to provide for the full \$75,000 of funds. These funds will be used to make one-time Community for All grants.

All organizations receiving Community for All grant funds will be required to enter into an agreement with the City of Mountain View concerning the use and terms of grant funds. Grant funds will be provided to organizations through the reimbursement of expenses for eligible grant activities. Funded projects, programs, and events must be completed by December 31, 2019.

CONCLUSION

The purpose of this Council report is for the City Council to approve the HRC's recommendation to use \$75,000 in appropriated funds for projects associated with the Community for All goal to make one-time Community for All grants. After the Council makes final decisions, staff will execute agreements with each of the grantees.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not accept the HRC's recommendation to award \$75,000 in one-time Community for All funding to 11 grant applicants for Fiscal Year 2018-19.
2. The Council may choose to increase, decrease, or not award funding to certain projects or programs.
3. Provide other direction to staff.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting and a copy of staff report to the applicants.

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