



DATE: June 26, 2018

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Fiscal Year 2018-19 Community for All Grant Program**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve 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 to eligible service agencies, community-based organizations, and other eligible groups that serve or support immigrant communities and mixed-status families in the City of Mountain View.

BACKGROUND

As part of the City Council Major Goals for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Council adopted a goal that affirms Mountain View's commitment to protecting vulnerable populations and preserving the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of the community, known as "Community for All." Included in the Council-adopted Work Plan to accomplish the goal is a project to fund and improve awareness of and access to information and referral resources for immigrants, particularly for mixed-status families.

During the Fiscal Year 2018-19 General Fund budget process, staff proposed that the City Council approve carrying forward \$75,000 in limited-period funding from Fiscal Year 2017-18 that had been appropriated to support the goal.

ANALYSIS

Staff proposes a time-limited Community for All grant program that would award funding of up to \$10,000 to eligible service agencies, community-based organizations, and other likely 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.

The Community for All grant program provides the City with an opportunity to collaborate and partner with community-based organizations and nonprofits, utilizing existing services, programs, and networks to ensure that resources go directly to communities in need. Examples of programs or projects that the grant could potentially fund include support for families facing deportation, community outreach, legal services, case management, and information and referral services.

Community for All Funding Cycle Process

Staff reviewed existing City grant programs and processes, such as the CDBG/HOME public service grants process, the Neighborhood Grant program, and the Multicultural Festival application rating criteria, 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 on evaluation criteria at its May 3, 2018 meeting.

If approved by Council, the City will circulate an application to service agencies, community-based organizations, and other eligible groups to initiate the funding cycle. The HRC will hold a meeting to listen to public comments on grant proposals and make funding recommendations to the City Council. The City Council will have the sole discretion to approve or not approve recommendations for grant awards.

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.

A tentative timeline for the Community for All grant program is outlined below, pending City Council approval.

Proposed Timeline

<p>Tentative Dates (Pending City Council Approval)</p>	<p>Milestone</p>
<p>June 26, 2018</p>	<p>Seek City Council approval of Community for All grant program.</p>
<p>August 8, 2018</p>	<p>Release of grant guidelines and start of formal outreach campaign.</p>

September 19, 2018	Deadline for City receipt of Community for All grant applications.
November 1, 2018	Human Relations Commission evaluation of grant proposals and funding recommendations to the City Council.
November 27, 2018	City Council approval of grant awards.
December 2018	Execution of agreements.
January 1, 2019	Grant activities begin.
June 30, 2019	Reporting Period No. 1 and submittal of receipts for reimbursement.
December 31, 2019	Reporting Period No. 2 and submittal of receipts for reimbursement. Deadline to expend funds and complete projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget includes \$75,000 in limited-period funds to support the City Council Major Goal of addressing the need to protect vulnerable populations and preserve the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of the community. Of the \$75,000 rebudgeted, a total of \$60,000 in one-time funding will be available to award Community for All grants of up to \$10,000 to successful applicants. Funded projects, programs, and events must be completed by December 31, 2019.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not accept staff's recommendation to implement a time-limited, one-time funding Community for All grant program.
2. Provide direction on available Community for All grant program parameters.
3. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting and a copy of report to the Human Relations Commission.

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