



# COUNCIL REPORT

**DATE:** October 8, 2024

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** City Manager's Office

**TITLE:** **Santa Clara County Public Health  
Department Climate and Health Program  
Grant Funding**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Accepting a Grant from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department in the Amount of \$25,000 and Approving an Appropriation Amendment to Increase the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Projects Fund Revenue by \$25,000 and Expenditures in Sustainability Project Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project 20-99 by \$25,000, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

## **BACKGROUND**

In fall 2023, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department announced grant funding for cities in Santa Clara County for pursuing climate change policies and projects that address extreme heat and/or poor air quality and reduce climate-related health disparities. Available through the County's Climate and Health Program, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department had up to \$150,000 available, with a maximum funding award of \$50,000 per city.

On September 29, 2023, the Sustainability and Resiliency Division applied for \$44,791 in grant funding to support vulnerable populations in Mountain View by enhancing their readiness for extreme heat and air quality events. In December 2023, the County notified staff that Mountain View was awarded a grant of \$25,000 for this project. Staff worked with the County to adjust the project scope to accommodate the budget. An appropriation amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget is required for grant revenue to be received and subsequently expended.

## **ANALYSIS**

Climate change will bring more severe and frequent extreme heat events to Mountain View, which are harmful to public health. Persons vulnerable to extreme heat may include older adults, young children, individuals with disabilities, and individuals experiencing homelessness, who may lack the resources to seek shelter. According to state and local climate models, Mountain View is expected to have an average of 11 additional extreme heat days per year by 2050 in a low-to-

moderate-emissions scenario, and 13 additional days in a high-emissions scenario.<sup>1</sup> Models also project that over 20,000 Mountain View residents will be at least moderately impacted by extreme heat events.<sup>2</sup> While most of the City is not projected to be directly impacted by wildfires, more frequent and intense fires in other areas have contributed to unhealthy air quality in Mountain View, and this issue is likely to worsen as climate change intensifies.

Input from residents indicates the impact of climate hazards is already substantial. In September 2023, the City and the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos (CSA) conducted a survey of 120 seniors that participate in the senior nutrition program. Of the respondents, 48% indicated their home did not have air conditioning, and 60% reported they were not aware of Mountain View's cooling centers.

The grant project, the Extreme Heat Community Preparedness Program (Project), includes a partnership with CSA, a local nonprofit, to provide community education and resources for vulnerable residents, such as the living-in-vehicle population, limited English speakers, and older adults.

Community outreach will include culturally and linguistically appropriate education about the health risks of extreme heat and poor air quality as well the distribution of resiliency supplies, such as electrolyte packets, hand-held fans, N95 masks, and a limited quantity of air purifiers/replacement filters and solar-powered portable power stations. Outreach will be coordinated before or during periods of extreme heat or poor air quality. As part of this project, CSA will provide in-kind staff time. CSA is a trusted organization who has provided safety net services in the community since 1957 and understands the needs of older adults and the living-in-vehicle population. Per grant requirements, all funds must be spent by the end of November 2025.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, the City of Mountain View would receive \$25,000 in grant funding to support community engagement to vulnerable populations in Mountain View to enhance their readiness for extreme heat and air quality events. In order to reach the desired outcomes and number of participants, \$19,800 from the Sustainability Project CIP (Project 20-99) budget will be used to cover project funding gaps. This aligns with Sustainability Action Plan 4, Action S1.6, "Explore ways to incorporate social equity into the sustainability program." The grant program does not require matching funds. Some staff time will be required to implement the project over the next year to meet the terms of the grant.

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<sup>1</sup> County of Santa Clara, Silicon Valley 2.0 Countywide Climate Change Preparedness Tool, <https://siliconvalleytwopointzero.org/home>; Cal-Adapt, <https://cal-adapt.org/>.

<sup>2</sup> County of Santa Clara, Silicon Valley 2.0.

## **LEVINE ACT**

California Government Code Section 84308 (also known as the Levine Act) prohibits city officials from participating in any proceeding involving a “license, permit, or other entitlement for use” if the official has received a campaign contribution exceeding \$250 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant in the proceeding within the last 12 months. A city official is similarly prohibited from accepting, soliciting, or directing a campaign contribution exceeding \$250 from a party, participant, or agent of a party or participant to any proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use for 12 months after a final decision is rendered in said proceeding.

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### **SUBJECT TO THE LEVINE ACT**

- Land development entitlements
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- Contract or franchise

### **EXEMPT FROM THE LEVINE ACT**

- Competitively bid contract
- Labor or personal employment contract
- General policy and legislative actions

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## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept a grant from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department in the amount of \$25,000 and approving appropriation amendment to increase the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Projects Fund revenue by \$25,000 and expenditures in the Sustainability Project CIP) Project 20-99 by \$25,000.
2. Provide other direction.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**

Agenda posting and emails sent to community members interested in sustainability.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution