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Staff Report for a Resolution to Approve Recommendations from the Human Services Commission for Community Assistance Program Grants for 2017-18

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the recommendations from the Human Services Commission for 2017-18 Community Assistance Program Grant funding. The funding is for one fiscal year at a total appropriation of \$150,000.

BACKGROUND

Through the Community Assistance Program (CAP), the City of San Leandro supports non-profit organizations that provide human services to San Leandro residents. The Human Services Commission (HSC) reviews the written grant proposals, receives an oral presentation from each grant applicant, assesses the City’s need for the program and makes funding recommendations to the City Council. This year the HSC and RHS staff were able to utilize the Human Services Gap Analysis as part of the application review process.

The HSC and RHS staff developed their funding recommendations in combination with the City’s public service Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation. The CDBG funding was recommended by Community Development Department staff.

DISCUSSION

The HSC received a total of twelve (12) grant applications, including three (3) CDBG applicants. RHS issued a Request for Funding Applications (RFA) on March 6, 2017. The HSC received oral presentations from each applicant on April 4 and 6. Funding recommendations were made during

the commission meeting on April 26, 2017.

Because funding for CAP is limited, grants were recommended for the most essential services. The funding criteria used for recommendations included:

- Addressing Hunger (food)
- Shelter
- Mental Health
- Domestic Violence
- Overall Health Care Services

The Commission and staff recommend the following allocations:

AGENCY	GENERAL FUND (CAP)	CDBG FUND	TOTAL COMBINED
Building Futures	\$15,000		\$15,000
CALICO		\$20,071	\$20,071
Davis Street	\$5,000	\$35,731	\$40,731
FESCO	\$20,000		\$20,000
Family Services Counseling Center			\$0
Family Violence Law Center	\$15,000		\$15,000
Girls, Inc.	\$30,000		\$30,000
La Clinica de la Raza	\$30,000		\$30,000
Restore Women's Wellness			\$0
Ruby's Place	\$20,000		\$20,000
SAVE	\$10,000 (COPS)*		\$10,000
SOS/Meals on Wheels	\$5,000	\$41,737	\$46,737
TOTAL by FUND	\$150,000	\$97,539	\$247,539

Proposed Scope of Services for the San Leandro Community

1. Building Futures - Domestic violence education, outreach and intervention services in

English and Spanish

2. CALICO - Mental health support
3. Davis Street - Emergency food, clothing, housing/utility and mental health counseling services
4. FESCO - Emergency shelter to support low income families
5. Family Services Counseling Center - Implement new trauma treatment protocol for low income clients
6. Family Violence Law Center - Free legal services for persons fleeing violence (restraining orders, custody/support orders, etc.)
7. Girls, Inc. - Counseling services, case management, family crisis intervention, respite stay services and parenting workshops
8. La Clinica de la Raza - Medical, dental and mental health services at the Fuente Wellness Center at REACH
9. Restore Women's Wellness Center - Rent for nonprofit that provides mental health services to mitigate depression, anxiety and trauma
10. Ruby's Place - Shelter and services for trafficked and abused children and their parents
11. SAVE - Partners with San Leandro Police Department (COPS Program) to prevent and reduce domestic violence and provide services to victims and their children. Also proposed teen dating violence prevention program. **The HSC only recommended funding for the COPS program.*
12. SOS Meals on Wheels - Meals, delivery and safety check for isolated seniors

Fiscal and Budget Authority

The adopted 2017-18 budget includes \$150,000 in account number 010-61-014-8513 for Community Assistance Program grants. City Council adopted the 2017-18 budget on June 5, 2017. Future funding for the CAP will reflect planning and receipt of funding from Measures OO, PP, and NN, based on direction from the City Council.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends the approval of the recommendations from the Human Services Commission for the Community Assistance Program grants for 2017-18.

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