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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE:** June 27th, 2023

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:**

**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS, CEQA EXEMPTIONS AND  
CLOSEOUT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 (DISTRICT: 2)**

**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 \$10,307 from the Community Enhancement APRPA budget (Org 12905) to the Alpine Education Foundation, Inc. for its STEAM Instruction Program to help reverse the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education in the Alpine Union School District. The funds will be used to cover third-party contractor fees to renovate its website, payroll for part-time marketing director, and new materials that would enhance their curriculum, and sponsor field trips for Alpine children. The COVID-19 pandemic has prevented the Alpine Union School District from allocating sufficient budget for field trips and caused learning gaps for students due to a lack of in-person instruction while reducing fundraising revenue for Alpine Education Foundation, Inc.
2. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement ARPA budget (Org 12905) to Arms Wide Open Corporation to support their arts programs for those with intellectual disabilities in District 2 by covering the cost of studio rent and teacher salaries. The COVID-19 pandemic caused closure and inability to offer in-person classes which

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resulted in significant loss of earned revenue. This allocation will help address these adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization.

3. Allocate \$50,000 from the Community Enhancement ARPA budget (Org 12905) to Lakeside's River Park Conservancy to purchase materials, cover permitting fees, and install ADA compliant facilities for the San Diego River Field Station located at 12108 Industry Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. The Field Station would serve as an educational venue for local school districts that will focus exclusively on ecological education that relates to the San Diego River. The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant delays to this capital improvement project and caused the loss of revenue from decreased charitable donations to the Conservancy. This allocation would help address these adverse impacts of the pandemic on the organization.
4. Allocate \$7,000 from the Community Enhancement ARPA budget (Org 12905) to Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center to cover payroll/employee retention to continue providing therapeutic horsemanship opportunities to those with disabilities. The COVID-19 pandemic caused this organization to shut down temporarily and lose revenue due to the cancellation of fundraising events.
5. Establish appropriations of \$789 in the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) based on unused portions of prior year allocations so the funds can be allocated to other projects. **(4 VOTES)**
6. Amend the Neighborhood Reinvestment fund allocation to San Diego Hunger Coalition on 3/1/2022 (5) to authorize the allocation of \$20,000 for payroll and waive Board Policy B-72 to allow payroll allocation. Authorized the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
7. Find that the grants have a public purpose and that the grants made using American Rescue Plan Act funds are necessary to address an adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organizations receiving funds.
8. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to execute grant agreements or amendments to agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.

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9. Find that the allocation to Lakeside’s River Park Conservancy is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for nonprofits whose work addresses inequities, promotes a better quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations that serve vulnerable community members, youth events and inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The investment of these grant funds into the specified community organizations and non-profits will promote the financial sustainability and economic viability of San Diego County communities for generations to come.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the grant allocations are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$77,307 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905) totaling \$77,307. The funding sources are Transient Occupancy Tax and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

**Alpine Education Foundation, Inc.**

The mission of Alpine Education Foundation, Inc. is to generate funds that support educational opportunities for students of the Greater Alpine Area to better prepare today’s youth for the future. Today’s allocations of \$10,307 will go toward the continuation of the STEAM Instruction Program that would provide educational pathways from kindergarten through middle school that embraces various academic categories such as STEM, Biology, Music, Arts, and many more.

**Arms Wide Open Corporation**

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The mission of Arms Wide Open is to provide artistic teaching services to special needs students ranging from elementary to high school. Providing them a creative outlet and social opportunities that enhances their quality of life. Today's allocation of \$10,000 will go towards staff salaries and rent that would allow them to continue their creative services to the El Cajon community. Funding is necessary to address adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the funded organization that resulted from event cancellations and social distancing that adversely impacted fund raising.

**Lakeside's River Park Conservancy**

The mission of Lakeside's River Park Conservancy is to preserve and restore the biological integrity and beauty of the San Diego River while integrating recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities for youth, seniors, and families. Today's allocation of \$50,000 will go towards the development of the San Diego River Field Station that would provide a venue for educational opportunities for Lakeside Elementary, El Cajon Elementary, Grossmont High School, Santee Elementary, and the Grossmont/Cuyamaca Community College students that will focus exclusively on science education that relates to the San Diego River. Funding for this work was adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic when social distancing and event closures resulted in lost revenue and revenue opportunities. This funding allocation will help address these adverse impacts of the pandemic on the organization.

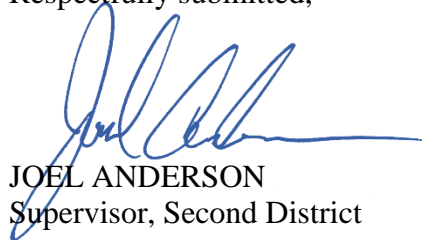
**Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center**

The mission of Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center is to provide members recreational equestrian services to the community of San Diego, Today's allocation of \$7,000 will go towards employee retention to address the adverse impacts from the financial loss caused by the Pandemic.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Today's proposed actions to approve the grant allocations for the Neighborhood Reinvestment program and Community Enhancement ARPA program support the Sustainability, Community, and Equity Initiatives in the County of San Diego's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan by providing an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to assist non-profits and public agencies that stimulate tourism, promote the economy, create jobs, enhance a better quality of life, address the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and/or fund one-time community, social, environmental, educational, cultural or recreational needs that serve public purposes in the county.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ATTACHMENT(S)**

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