

Interview Questions for Capitola City Councilmembers 2022 Community Grants Program (CGP) Review

Capitola Community Profile

1. Were there any **surprises or “a-ha’s”** (or questions) as you reviewed this?
2. Are there indicators or pieces of data that should be added to this profile in order to **tell a more complete story** about community strengths and challenges related to community health and well-being in Capitola?
3. What are the **2-3 key take-aways** from this Community Profile that you would want more people (Councilmembers, staff, community members) to be aware of?

Community Grants Program (CGP)

4. How do you see CGP funding **contributing to health and well-being** in Capitola?
5. What’s **reasonable to achieve** with this funding? What **impact** could it have on community-level health and well-being in Capitola, given the amount of funding available?
6. What would an **ideal version** of the CGP funding process look like for you?
7. What would you like this Council’s **legacy** to be in terms of CGP?

Questions/prompts from prior interviews ...

1. What are you hoping will be accomplished by conducting this review of the City's Community Grants Program?

If needed, ask follow-up questions, such as:

- *Is there anything you'd like to understand about the current portfolio of community grants and/or about organizations that could have applied but didn't?*
- *Do you have concerns about the current process, including the application process (i.e. who has the opportunity to apply), how grants are selected/awarded, the reporting process, etc?*
- *Do you have suggestions or hopes about how it will be improved?*

2. What do you think is reasonable to achieve with the City's Community Grant funding?

If needed, ask follow-up questions, such as:

- *Are there other ways to achieve these goals, besides awarding community grants? (e.g. are some services that are being funded through community grants actually considered essential City services that could be funded via the City's budget?)*
- *What information would you look to that would tell you whether the City's community grants program has achieved these goals or met your expectations?*

3. Looking ahead, what is your ideal version of Capitola's Community Grant program?

If needed, ask follow-up questions, such as:

- *If "getting to results" meant awarding fewer but larger grants, is that a direction you would support? Why or why not?*
- *If modifications to the Community Grant program resulted in reducing or eliminating grants to some of the current grantees, is that a direction you would be willing to support? Why or why not?*
- *Do you have any concerns about making changes to the historical community grants process?*
- *What concerns or "push-back" do you anticipate the community (general public) or nonprofit agencies might have about changing the grants process? How would you hope the concerns/resistance are handled by Councilmembers and City staff?*
- *How interested are you in exploring the possibility of aligning with what other jurisdictions are doing to support local nonprofits (e.g. City of Watsonville Community Programs, County/City of SC CORE contracts, etc)?*