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April 3, 2023

Dear Los Altos Council Members,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos. We are seeking general operating support in the amount of \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2024.

Community Services Agency provides a safety net for elderly, low-income, and unhoused residents of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills. We offer nutrition services, shopping assistance, and case management for seniors; food and emergency financial aid for low-income individuals and families; and comprehensive case management for those experiencing homelessness. Our newest program, Outreach and Engagement, ensures that those facing barriers to accessing services receive the information and assistance they need. Our services are local, direct, and personal, and our staff and volunteers constantly seek to improve our clients' stability, self-reliance, and dignity.

In these uncertain economic times, our services are more essential than ever. CSA's Food and Nutrition Center served over 3,600 individuals last year, a 34% increase from the previous year. Our Homeless Services Program served almost 1,000 individuals last year, an increase of 47% from the previous year. Over 200 of those unhoused individuals are children. Rental assistance continues to be critical in preventing our neighbors in need from falling into homelessness, and CSA served over 400 households through this program last year. Overall, need continues at a higher level than prior to the pandemic, with CSA serving over 6,000 of the most vulnerable members of the community each year, a trend we don't expect to change in the near future.

\$25,000 from the City of Los Altos will help us continue providing these critical services to those most in need in our community. Our partnership would keep families in their homes, help unhoused individuals get off the streets, ensure that low-income families are fed through their most challenging times, and keep seniors living independently in their homes for as long as possible.

Thank you for considering our proposal, and if you have any questions or want to speak further about our request, please feel free to contact me at (650) 968-5427 or tmyers@csacares.org.

Warm regards,

Tom Myers
Executive Director

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City of Los Altos
Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contributions Application

Organization Information

Name: Community Services Agency

Address: 204 Stierlin Rd

Website: www.csacares.org

Tax Identification Number: 94-1422465

Non-profit? Y/N y

Civic organization? Y/N n

Benefit Los Altos community? Y/N y

Description of organizational activities: CSA is the community safety net for Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills. Our programs include Outreach and Engagement to reach populations facing barriers to accessing services; Homeless Prevention, offering case management and financial assistance; Homeless Services to get people back on their feet; our Food and Nutrition Center providing access to nutritious groceries; and Senior Programs providing a lunch program and services to keep seniors living independently for as long as possible in their homes.

Description of organizational impact on Los Altos community: While often hidden, there is a need for safety net services in the Los Altos community. CSA offers food access to residents of Los Altos through our Food and Nutrition Center. We also serve many seniors in need in Los Altos both through our Senior Case Management program and our Senior Nutrition Program. We serve over 6,000 neighbors in need each year in Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills.

Contact Information

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Contact role: Development Director

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Contribution Information

Annual contribution amount requested: \$25,000

Length of contribution request? 1 year

Total contribution amount requested: \$25,000

Repeat request from a previous budget cycle? Y / N y

Use of funds:

Expense	Amount	Provide a detailed explanation of the use of requested funds	Explain how this expense will benefit the City
General Operating Funds	\$25,000	Staff salaries not funded by other grants	Keep local safety net services operating.
Total			

Agreement

As the official representative for the above organization, I agree to comply with all requirements listed or otherwise enforced through the City of Los Altos Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy. The City reserves the right to revoke this application at any time for any purpose. The organization shall provide all documents and organizational information as required by the City of Los Altos necessary to comply with Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy application. The official representative certifies that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Simone Berkowitz

Date: 4/3/23