



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SENIOR
SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/23/2025
ITEM NO: 5

DATE: January 17, 2025
TO: Community Health and Senior Services Commission
FROM: Katy Nomura, Assistant Town Manager
SUBJECT: Receive a Report on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY24-25) Community Grant Recipients (Information Only)

BACKGROUND:

The following is the list of Community Grant Recipients for FY24-25. This item is informational only, no action is needed by the Commission.

The Town of Los Gatos is pleased to announce the awardees for the FY24-25 Community Grants. This year was highly competitive with 38 applications received by the deadline. \$180,000 was awarded in the Community Grant (one-time) category. \$70,000 was awarded in the Sustaining Grant (ongoing) category. \$25,000 was awarded for Rental Assistance Programs and \$25,000 was awarded for Food Assistance Programs. The total grant award was \$300,000 for FY24-25.

Community Grant awards (in alphabetical order):

- Art Docents of Los Gatos, for \$4,500 to host community events aiming to retain and recruit volunteers crucial for continuing to teach the students in the Los Gatos Union School District.
 - Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad, for \$10,000 to purchase new rail to replace worn sections.
 - Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort (CADRE), for \$10,000 to connect Los Gatos nongovernmental, faith-based groups, businesses, transportation services, mass care services and existing networks with our countywide support networks to enhance disaster resilience.
 - Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley, for \$10,000 to support the 2025 Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley (GOTRSV) 5K Fun Run in Oak Meadow & Vasona Parks.
 - Jewish Silicon Valley, for \$10,000 for a fitness event for the special needs community, active older adults, and other interested parties.
 - Kyle J. Taylor Foundation, for \$10,000 to screen the hearts of 500 Los Gatos youth ages 12-25 to protect them from life-threatening underlying conditions that go undetected in most young people.
 - Los Gatos Community Concert Association, for \$7,500 to support four professional music groups performing in Los Gatos during the 2024 – 2025 season.
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- Los Gatos Foundation for Older Adults to Thrive, for \$1,500 to support five events to train and encourage seniors to ride the bus in partnership with VTA.
- Los Gatos Museum Association (New Museum Los Gatos), for \$10,000 to support the exhibition Double Exposure: Photojournalist Ted Sahl and the LGBTQ+ History of the South Bay.
- Los Gatos Music and Arts, for \$10,000 for a weeklong Summer Jazz Camp for young aspiring musicians.
- Los Gatos Public Media, Inc. for \$10,000 to support Oktoberfest as an annual community-wide event.
- Los Gatos Union School District/Los Gatos Educational Foundation, for \$10,000 to host an event at each of the 5 schools within the Los Gatos Union School District with a focus on environmental sustainability awareness to the community via STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math).
- Los Gatos Youth Park, for \$10,000 to replace the Youth Park front and back doors with metal safety exit doors and replace the broken back concrete slab at rear of building.
- Louise Van Meter Home & School Club, for \$10,000 for a garden program to create a “living classroom.”
- Parents Helping Parents Inc, for \$10,000 to address the special needs of children with disabilities and their families through parent education, support, information, consultation and training.
- Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley, for \$7,500 to provide home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income older adult homeowners in Los Gatos.
- Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival, for \$10,000 to show 30 movies in 15 days in multiple theaters.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society, for \$4,000 for laundry vouchers to unhoused residents so they may wash clothing and sleeping bags bi-weekly at a local laundromat.
- Tianmu Education Foundation, for \$10,000 to promote emergency preparedness in Los Gatos by providing free loaner generators to residents lacking resources to secure backup power during outages.
- Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation, for \$5,000 for Yellow Ribbon Programs.
- West Valley Youth Theater, for \$10,000 to expand a training and apprenticeship programs for Los Gatos High School students to support local theater arts productions.

Sustaining Grant awards (in alphabetical order):

- Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY), for \$13,000 to help provide a CASSY therapist at Los Gatos High, Leigh High, and Westmont High to ensure Los Gatos students have mental health counseling available on their school campus.
- Live Oak Senior Nutrition, for \$48,000 for meals for seniors.
- Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, for \$13,000 to support Los Gatos survivors by providing a comprehensive range of direct advocacy services including emergency shelter, safety planning, long-term housing support, children’s aligned services, and access to basic needs.

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- West Valley Community Services, for \$21,000 for critical family needs and financial assistance support as part of the CARE program services.

Rental Assistance awards (in alphabetical order):

- Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition, for \$12,500 to provide financial support to low-income renters on the verge of eviction to prevent further homelessness.
- St Vincent de Paul (SVdP), for \$12,500 to provide financial support to low-income renters on the verge of eviction to prevent further homelessness.