



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/04/2026

ITEM NO: 18

DATE: August 4, 2026
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Allocation of \$20,000 in Supplemental Sustaining Grant Funds and
Consideration of Continued Funding Eligibility for Counseling and Support
Services for Youth (CASSY)

RECOMMENDATION: Review the requests for supplemental Sustaining Grant funding;
allocate the available supplemental funding; and determine
whether CASSY should remain a Sustaining Grant recipient for
FY2026-27.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Town Council appropriated an additional \$20,000 for supplemental Sustaining Grant funding as part of the FY 2026-27 Operating Budget. This was in addition to the \$99,300 already contained in the proposed FY2026-27 Operating Budget for Sustaining Grants, of which \$10,000 was included for CASSY. This report recommends the allocation of the supplemental Sustaining Grant funds that were appropriated. Additionally, if the Town Council determines that CASSY should no longer receive a Sustaining Grant for FY 2026-27, the \$10,000 previously budgeted for CASSY would become available and may either be returned to the General Fund or reallocated to the FY 2026-27 Community Grant Program, as directed by the Town Council. In either case, no additional appropriation is required.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

Some Sustaining Grants listed here may directly or indirectly support the Council priorities regarding the needs of older adults, the needs of unhoused residents, and a sense of belonging in Los Gatos.

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Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Administrative Services
Director

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BACKGROUND:

At the Town Council meeting of June 2, 2026, Council added \$20,000 in supplemental funds to the Sustaining Grant budget with direction for staff to contact the organizations currently receiving Sustaining Grants to identify how such funds could be used. Council further directed staff to return to Council in August to allocate the supplemental funds. All organizations receiving Sustaining Grants were invited to submit a request.

Following Council's direction, Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) informed the Town that it will no longer provide counseling services at Los Gatos High School beginning with the 2026-27 school year. Because the Town's Sustaining Grant has historically supported those services, staff is also requesting Council direction regarding whether CASSY should continue as a Sustaining Grant recipient.

For reference, the current budgeted amounts and recipients of Sustaining Grants were:

- \$23,000 to Live Oak Senior Nutrition for hot meal services
- \$10,000 to Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence for support of victims of domestic violence
- \$2,500 to St. Vincent de Paul Society for laundry services for the unhoused
- \$20,000 to West Valley Community Services for their CARE program
- \$7,800 to Los Gatos United Methodist Church for shower services for the unhoused
- \$6,000 to St. Luke's Episcopal Church for their food pantry program
- \$20,000 to Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition as the lead agency, in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Society, for their cooperative rental assistance services
- \$10,000 to CASSY for youth counseling support at Los Gatos High School

DISCUSSION:

Consistent with Council's June 2, 2026 direction, staff received four supplemental funding requests from three Sustaining Grant recipients totaling \$19,200 of the available \$20,000. Those requests are summarized below and included as Attachment 1 for Council's consideration.

Organization	Regular Sustaining Grant Amount	Additional One-Time Request		Total Potential FY 2026-27 Funding
	\$2,500	\$1,200	Towel and other Laundering Vouchers for the unhoused.	\$8,700

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Saint Vincent de Paul Society		\$5,000	Emergency Rental Assistance	
Live Oak Nutrition Center	\$23,000	\$10,000	Preserve the essential services we already provide, but also to enhance the quality and impact of those services through targeted, senior-centered programming.	\$33,000
Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition	\$20,000	\$3,000	Provide financial assistance to those [1] who will become unhoused imminently due to an unpreventable eviction or [2] have been recently unhoused in Los Gatos	\$23,000
Total		\$19,200		

CASSY Eligibility as a Sustaining Grant Recipient

The Town's Sustaining Grant awarded to Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) has historically supported counseling services provided at Los Gatos High School. Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, Los Gatos High School will transition those counseling services to its own internal operations, ending the contract for CASSY's services at that location.

CASSY will continue providing services to some Los Gatos youth through Leigh High School and St. Mary's School. However, because the primary service historically supported through the Town's Sustaining Grant will no longer be provided, Council should determine whether CASSY continues to meet the intended purpose of the Sustaining Grant Program.

Based on this change in services, Council may consider one of the following options:

1. Continue funding CASSY at \$10,000 as a Sustaining Grant recipient for FY2026-27; or
2. Remove CASSY as a Sustaining Grant recipient beginning in FY2026-27. If Council determines that CASSY should no longer receive a Sustaining Grant, the previously budgeted \$10,000 would become available to partially offset the \$20,000 increase in supplemental funding. Staff recommends that Council return the funds to the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposals Received for Requesting Supplemental Sustaining Grant Funding