



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
FINANCE COMMISSION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/10/2026

ITEM NO: 5

DATE: August 10, 2026
TO: Finance Commission
FROM: Chris Contantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Discussion of Community Grant Program and Potential Recommendation for Process Improvements

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss the Town's Community Grant Program, consider potential process improvements, and provide direction regarding any future review or recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

The Town administers both Sustaining Grants and Competitive One-Time Grants as part of its Community Grant Program. These programs provide funding support for local nonprofit services and represent a recurring investment of public funds.

Per the authority of the Finance Commissionaire to set the agenda, the Chair has requested that the Commission discuss the Town's Community Grant Program. Additionally, a Commissioner submitted materials outlining potential areas of focus for the Commission's consideration. Those materials have been included in the agenda packet as reference material.

The purpose of this item is to provide the Finance Commission with an opportunity to consider the Community Grant Program, including potential areas for review and process improvements.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Finance Commission an opportunity to discuss the Community Grant Program, consider potential process improvements, and determine whether additional work or recommendations should be developed.

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Current grant eligibility requirements and scoring matrices are included as Attachments 1 and 2. Materials submitted by the Commissioner are included as Attachment 3.

CONCLUSION:

The Finance Commission may consider potential process improvements to the Community Grant Program and determine whether it wishes to develop recommendations for consideration by the Town Council.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

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

Attachments:

1. Rules and Eligibility Community Grants 2026-27
2. Rules and Eligibility Sustaining Community Grants 2026-27
3. Commissioner's Submitted Materials