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Subject: Item 13 Desk Item

Hi Laurel and Wendy,

Please see my attached desk item for Tuesday evening's meeting.

Thank you very much!

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Item 13 Desk Item (Councilmember Moore):

I am very supportive of the Community Grant Program and I hope to continue to expand on the great success of this program.

In order to better align our Community Grants Program with the Town's ongoing JEDI efforts, I recommend the Town Council add an "Equity" category to each of the scoring rubrics. This is a common practice among grant-giving organizations, as evidenced by the [Silicon Valley Community Foundation](#), one of the largest philanthropic organizations in Silicon Valley.

In each of its grant category areas, from Arts and Culture to Health to Neighborhoods, SVCF's grant applications begin with an equity statement that affirms SVCF's commitment to prioritizing funding for organizations that have historically been underfunded and are focused on advancing equity in the community. I believe that Los Gatos should have a similar focus as we award grants to community based organizations.

Recommendation: Town Council should add an "Equity" scoring category to each of the two scoring rubrics used for evaluating Community Grant Program applications. Staff should reference SVCF and other existing philanthropic organizations equity scoring categories to create specific language for our Community Grant Program scoring rubric.