



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/07/2020

ITEM NO: 10

DATE: April 2, 2020
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Authorize the Town Manager to Amend Existing Human Services Grant Agreements with West Valley Community Services, Counseling and Support Services for Youth, Next Door Solutions, and Live Oak Senior Nutrition to Donate an Additional \$10,000 to Each Organization, for a Total of \$40,000, to assist Town Residents with Needed Services Due to COVID-19 and Related Public Health Orders.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Town Manager to amend existing human services grant agreements with West Valley Community Services, Counseling and Support Services for Youth, Next Door Solutions, and Live Oak Senior Nutrition to donate an additional \$10,000 to each organization, for a total of \$40,000, to assist Town residents with needed services due to COVID-19 and related Public Health Orders.

REMARKS:

The Town's community grant program included awards to several human services organizations that provide direct services to Los Gatos residents. Attachment 1 contains the grant awards that occurred in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20.

Some of the grant recipients are providing services that have become increasingly important to individuals and families that may be experiencing financial hardship, lack of food access, mental health challenges, domestic violence, and/or other effects associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and related Public Health Orders requiring sheltering in place. Specifically, West Valley Community Services provides food assistance, supplies, and rental assistance. Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) is providing mental health telehealth services to youth. Next Door Solutions is helping those who have experienced domestic violence. Live Oak Senior Nutrition is serving take out meals to the Los Gatos senior

Reviewed by: Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

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SUBJECT: Additional Funding to Four Community-Based Organizations in Support of the COVID-19 Response

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REMARKS (continued):

community. The Town understands that these organizations have had to retool their service delivery to adapt to the new requirements and meet the growing need for their services.

While there are many other wonderful efforts underway to help the vulnerable populations in Los Gatos, these four particular organizations already have a contractual relationship with the Town and the administrative capacity to document services provided to Los Gatos residents. In addition, the Town's dedicated COVID-19 website provides donation and volunteer recommendations for a broad spectrum of entities, including but not limited to Feed the Need, Silicon Valley Strong, and the Red Cross.

Given that the adopted Operating Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 has funds available for Town Council discretion, staff recommends amending the grant agreements with West Valley Community Services, Counseling and Support Services for Youth, Next Door Solutions, and Live Oak Senior Nutrition to donate an additional \$10,000 to each organization, for a total of \$40,000, to assist Town residents with needed services due to COVID-19 and related Public Health Orders.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Town Council may choose a different distribution of the \$40,000 to these or other organizations.

COORDINATION:

This report was coordinated with the Finance Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Operating Budget for FY 2019/20 includes funds that can be used at the Council's discretion. There is no fiscal impact to this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

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

Attachment:

1. FY 2019/20 Grants Summary