



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 4
File #: 20-845

Board Meeting Date: 11/10/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael P. Callagy, County Manager
Subject: Use of District-Discretionary **Measure K** Funds - Supervisorial District 4

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-discretionary **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$30,000, to Nuestra Casa to partially fund the purchase of a refrigerated truck with a liftgate to meet the increased needs in the food recovery program during the pandemic, and authorizing the County Manager, or designee, to execute the grant agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Measure K is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years.

On February 12, 2019, the Board of Supervisors (Board) held a study session on **Measure K** expenditures and anticipated revenue for fiscal years (FY) 2019-21. The Board-appointed **Measure K** sub-committee, consisting of Supervisor Pine and Supervisor Canepa, convened the study session to, among other things, work with staff to facilitate the Board's development of **Measure K** priorities and continuing initiatives for FY 2019-21. The Board approved \$3.75 million in one-time loans or grants each fiscal year for FY 2019-21, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-discretionary needs and projects. District 4 has submitted a request to use their district-discretionary **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

District/Project	Amount
District 4 (Supervisor Warren Slocum) - Nuestra Casa: to partially fund the purchase of a refrigerated truck with a liftgate to meet the increased needs in the food recovery program during the pandemic	\$30,000

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-discretionary **Measure K** funds approved by the Board in December 2018.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This is a request to authorize a one-time grant of district-discretionary Measure K funds, not to exceed \$30,000, to Nuestra Casa to partially fund the purchase of a refrigerated truck with a liftgate to meet the increased needs in the food recovery program during the pandemic. The County Manager’s Office will administer and manage the proposed agreement.

Many of our most vulnerable residents were already living on the edge and suffering from food insecurity before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. But the need for food distribution has grown enormously since the pandemic began, something that is unlikely to dissipate in the coming year.

According to Nuestra Casa, pre-pandemic they were serving 2,200 individuals a month. Now, they are serving 6,000 individuals a month, and the numbers continue to increase. What this means for this organization is that there is a large increase in the amount of food they need to distribute to the community and they now need a larger refrigerated vehicle to meet this need. With the purchase of a new refrigerated truck, Nuestra Casa will be able to expand their food delivery program to daily instead of weekly, and to more locations in East Palo Alto and Redwood City. It will enable them to receive and deliver nearly 67,000 pounds of food versus the current 22,160 pounds.

The proposed Measure K grant will be used to make up the difference in funding for the refrigerated truck from matching funds Nuestra Casa has received from other entities.

Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$30,000

The release of funds will be contingent on the execution of an agreement providing for the County’s confirmation of the expenditure of funds for the purposes stated herein. The County will disburse the funds to the following organization for the purposes described above:

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Description	Target
Purchase of a refrigerated truck with a liftgate to meet the increased needs in the food recovery program during the pandemic.	By December 2020

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement and resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds for this specific FY 2020-21 **Measure K** request. These funds

are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget.