



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 3
File #: 22-160

Board Meeting Date: 3/8/2022

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 3

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-discretionary **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$75,000, to the City of Half Moon Bay to act as matching funds for the CARES (Crisis Assistance Response and Evaluation Services) pilot program implementation, providing an exception to the criteria for district-discretionary **Measure K** funds to allow for advance payment, 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 March 9, 2021, and March 23, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) held study sessions on **Measure K** expenditures and anticipated revenue for fiscal years (FY) 2021-23. The Board-appointed **Measure K** sub-committee, consisting of Supervisor Pine and Supervisor Canepa, convened the study sessions to, among other things, work with staff to facilitate the Board's development of **Measure K** priorities and continuing initiatives for FYs 2021-23. The Board approved \$5 million in one-time loans or grants for the FY 2021-23 budget cycle, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-discretionary needs and projects. District 3 has submitted a request to use district-discretionary **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

| District/Project | Amount |
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| Matching funds with the City of Half Moon Bay to fund the CARES pilot project. | \$75,000 |

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-discretionary **Measure K** funds approved by the Board in December 2018, with the following exception: the City of Half Moon Bay has requested

\$37,500 of the grant amount as an upfront, rather than reimbursement, payment. The upfront payment is necessary to help cover the cost of the start-up of the pilot program. The Board may approve this exception to the criteria by adopting the resolution accompanying this memorandum.

DISCUSSION:

Over the last two years, in response to local incidents with the Sheriff and national and local sentiment, the City of Half Moon Bay has conducted extensive outreach to the community related to public safety and law enforcement. Two main issues rose to the top: general distrust of law enforcement in certain communities and concerns about mental health response. In May 2021, the City adopted the Yanira Serrano Presente! Program, developed by the Latino Advisory Council, which provides recommendations to improve the relationship between the community and law enforcement through positive, proactive engagement and improved mental health response.

The City also convened a community mental health working group that met several times. The group developed several recommendations including establishing an alternative responder program to provide a non-armed response to mental health crises focused on de-escalation, connection to services, and follow-up to help individuals address mental health and other issues.

Through the collaborative planning of government, non-profit, and community partners, the City of Half Moon Bay is preparing to launch a community crisis responder pilot program in the first quarter of 2022; the Crisis Assistance Response and Evaluation Services (CARES) program.

The CARES pilot program will provide a safe, appropriate and dignified response to certain low-level 9-1-1 calls that will focus on de-escalation, connection to services, and appropriate follow-up. The program, which will be managed through a contract with El Centro de Libertad, is currently planned for one year, and will operate eight-hours per day, seven days per week, depending on funding availability, in the areas within the city limits of Half Moon Bay and the Moonridge Farmworker Housing Community. If successful, expansion of the CARES program could cover additional portions of the Coastsides, or other communities in San Mateo County. The cost of implementing the full pilot is estimated to be \$330,000.

This is a request to authorize \$75,000 in district-discretionary **Measure K** funding, which will be used to match the \$75,000 that the City of Half Moon Bay is pledging for the start-up of the pilot program.

Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$75,000

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 MEASURE:

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| Develop and acquire the infrastructure, resources and agreements necessary and launch the 40-hours per week services. | June 30, 2022 |
| Develop a report providing data and outcomes on the first six (6) months of operation of the pilot program. | December 31, 2022 |

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 2021-22 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget.