



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 1
File #: 16-277

Board Meeting Date: 6/27/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: Use of District-Specific **Measure K** Funds - Supervisorial District 1

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-specific **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$10,000, to Los Hermanos and Hermanas Connection to College, to expand its capacity to assist Latino students enrolled in the South San Francisco Unified School District to graduate from high school, attend Skyline College, graduate and enroll in an institution of higher learning and authorizing the County Manager, or his designee, to prepare and 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. The Board and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for **Measure K** spending.

On March 17, 2015, the Board adopted the **Measure K** allocation plan for the FY 2015-17 budget, during which the County anticipates **Measure K** receipts of approximately \$80 million annually. The plan includes \$5 million in one-time loans or grants for FY 2015-16, and \$1 million each year for FY 2015-16 and 2016-17, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-specific needs and projects. On April 28, 2015, the Board approved the criteria and process to be used by staff to administer these funds. In accordance with such criteria, District 1 submitted the following request to use **Measure K** funds as shown below and in the attachment hereto:

District/Project	Amount
District 1 (Supervisor Pine) - Los Hermanos and Hermanas Connection to College: Funding to increase the number of Latino students graduating from high school and enrolling in higher education.	\$10,000

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

Funding for this project contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of building a healthy community by increasing educational opportunities for Latino students by supporting their academic, psychological, and social

needs beginning in middle school through college.

FISCAL IMPACT

Total cost for the expanded program which will include enrolling an additional 25 students starting in the Fall of 2017 and an additional 25 students in the Spring of 2018 for a total of 50 students at a cost of \$10,000. The program is sponsored by Skyline College but relies upon donations for a portion of its budget. There are sufficient **Measure K** funds budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget for this purpose.

ATTACHMENT - Project Summary

PROJECT SUMMARY

DISTRICT 1 (Supervisor Dave Pine)
FY 2016-17 **Measure K** Request

One-Time Grant of \$10,000 to Los Hermanos and Hermanas Connection to College to support the expansion of the academic support provided to local students

This is a request to authorize a grant to Los Hermanos and Hermanas Connection to College program at Skyline College, and resulting grant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, to support the expansion of the program to serve additional students enrolled in the South San Francisco Unified School District. The County Manger's Office will administer and manage the proposed agreement.

Overview of the Los Hermanos and Hermanas Connection to College Program

The Los Hermanos and Hermanas Connection to College (Hermanos C2C) program establishes a pipeline from middle school to college with the purpose of providing holistic support for Latino youth. Hermanos C2C aims to create a safe space for students and their families in an educational setting. Through the connection of an academic counselor, family engagement, resources, and mentorship, Hermanos C2C provides wrap around services to students with the objective of closing the achievement gap. The program provides the following support services for Latino/Latina students enrolled in the South San Francisco Unified High School District:

- Provides wrap around support services to students in middle school at Parkway Heights through their senior year at South San Francisco high school.
- Provides middle school students the opportunity to attend workshops, conferences, and university visits.
- Prepares high school students to transition into college. Sophomores at South San Francisco High School participating in the Hermanos C2C program concurrently enroll at Skyline College and take pre-determined coursework in various General Education subjects until they are seniors. By the end of their senior year, they will have accumulated sixteen units of college transferable units.
- Arranges transportation to university visits, conferences, and workshops for high school students.
- Provides students with direct link to support and services at Skyline College, such as the Puente Project, TRiO, EOPS, transfer center, skyline promise, and summer scholars.

Goals of the Los Hermanos and Hermanas Connection to College Program

The Hermanos C2C Program began as a program at Skyline College to identify and and provide wrap around services for one academic year to male Latino students to improve graduation rates. In January 2017, the program expanded to both add female students and to provide supportive services for 5 years in order to support a full pathway from middle school through the successful enrollment at Skyline College and four-year universities. Securing additional funding will allow the program to provide additional opportunities to enrolled students, including:

- College and university site visits
- Guest speakers
- Family events
- Student conferences
- Fort Miley Ropes Course
- Incorporate a mentoring component
- Provide laptops for students

With this grant of Measure K funds, Hermanos C2C will ensure that students participate in a range of activities

and be provided with direct support to enhance their academic experience and provide them with new tools and knowledge to achieve their educational goals.

Performance Measures:

In August of 2018, Hermanos C2C will report data about the program's performance, including the additional number of students served as a result of the grant, rates of graduation from high school among the students served, and the rate of students served enrolling in college.

Total One-Time Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$10,000

The funds are to be disbursed to the following organization for the purposes described above:

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The release of funds will be contingent on the execution of a grant agreement providing for the County's confirmation of the expenditure of funds for the purposes stated herein.