



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

File #: 16-618

Board Meeting Date: 10/17/2017

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 4

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-specific **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$5,000, to Bay Area Gardener's Foundation for college scholarships for District 4 residents, 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 of Supervisors ("Board") and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for **Measure K** spending for FY2017-19.

On May 16, 2017, the Board approved the FY 2017-19 **Measure K** allocation plan in which the County anticipates **Measure K** receipts of approximately \$81.6 million annually. The plan included \$7 million in one-time loans or grants during FY 2017-19, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-specific needs and projects. District 4 has submitted a request to use its district-specific **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

District/Project	Amount
District 4 (Supervisor Warren Slocum) - Bay Area Gardener's Foundation: college scholarships	\$5,000

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-specific **Measure K** funds, which were developed during the initial round of district-specific allocations and approved by the Board in April 2015.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This is a request to authorize a grant to Bay Area Gardener's Foundation, and resulting grant

agreement in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to provide for college scholarships for District 4 residents. The County Manager's Office will administer and manage the proposed agreement. Since 2006, the Bay Area Gardener's Foundation has provided college scholarships to deserving students from San Mateo County, and beyond, who face significant financial hardship

The Bay Area Gardener's Foundation college scholarships are usually \$2,000. Therefore, the funds will be used to provide two full \$2,000 scholarships (\$4,000) and half of one \$2,000 scholarship (\$1,000) for residents of District 4 who are attending college. In addition to residing in District 4, the recipients will meet the scholarship criteria from Bay Area Gardener's Foundation, including demonstrated financial need, a high school or college grade point average of 2.5 or higher, and enrollment in college for summer or fall of 2018. The funds will benefit the community by assisting lower-income high achieving students to attend college.

Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$5,000

The release of funds will be contingent on the execution of an agreement providing for the County's confirmation of the expenditure of funds during FY 2017-18 for the purposes stated herein. The County will disburse the funds to the following organization for the purposes described above:

Janice Carter

Bay Area Gardeners Foundation

PO Box 3446

Redwood City, CA 94064

(650) 631-1200

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Description	Target
Provide two qualified college students with a \$2,000 scholarship.	July 31, 2018
Provide one qualified college student with a \$1,000 scholarship.	July 31, 2018
Scholarship recipients are residents of District 4	100%

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

Funding for the college scholarships contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by fostering educational opportunities for residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds for this specific FY 2017-2018 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget.