



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 5
File #: 18-230

Board Meeting Date: 3/27/2018

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 Five

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-specific **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$5,000, to San Bruno Mountain Watch for in-class presentations and service-learning field trips to the San Bruno Mountain dunes during the 2018-2019 academic year in District Five, 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 FY 2017-19.

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 Five 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 Five (Supervisor David J. Canepa) - San Bruno Mountain Watch: To provide in class presentations and service-learning field trips to the San Bruno Mountain dunes during the 2018-2019 academic school year	\$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 San Bruno Mountain Watch and resulting grant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to provide in-class presentations and service-learning field trips to the dunes during the 2018-2019 school year. The County Manager's Office will administer and manage the proposed agreement.

San Bruno Mountain Watch has collaborated with the San Mateo County Parks Department to involve volunteers in habitat restoration projects throughout San Bruno Mountain benefitting native grasslands, wetlands, creeks, woodlands, dunes and scrublands. In addition, they host over two dozen guided hikes and service-learning trips on the mountain every year for local elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, colleges, community organizations, local residents, and businesses. Their Mission Blue Nursery provides thousands of plants for restoration projects on San Bruno Mountain and also hosts four public plant sales every year to encourage surrounding communities to utilize native, drought-tolerant, and wildlife friendly landscaping. They also advocate for the conservation of unprotected mountain parcels.

The dunes are located on San Bruno Mountain's northwestern end in the City of Daly City and nearby the Town of Colma, and connect Daly City's Hillside Park with San Bruno Mountain State and County Park. The dunes are within a ten-minute or less walk of numerous K-12 schools, dense residential neighborhoods, and important economic centers and public transportation routes like Mission Street. They can be freely accessed without the need to pay a park entrance fee.

Through the support of **Measure K** funding, foundation grants, and community donations, ten in-class presentations tailored to specific grade-level learning objectives and Next Generation Science Standards will be provided in eight schools located within District Five. The schools included are Susan B. Anthony Elementary School, John F. Kennedy Elementary School, Skyline Community College, The Hilldale School, Westborough Middle School, Thomas R. Pollicita Middle School, Jefferson High School and Westmoor High School. There will be a total of 10 class presentations, 18 field trips, and a total of 375 students engaged. The in-class presentations and field trips will take place from November 2018 through May 2019. In addition, 1,500 dune plants from the Mission Blue Nursery will be planted during the above time frame. Production and printing of interpretive walking guide booklets to utilize during project field-trips and tours will be provided.

The requested **Measure K** grant funding will be used for the following tasks:

- **\$2,000:** Preparation and leading 18 service-learning field trips to San Bruno Mountain dunes. This includes program planting and site safety check, preparation and delivery of plants and tools to site and guided tour plus habitat restoration activities.
- **\$500:** Preparation and delivery of ten in-class presentations tailored to specific grade-level learning objectives. This entails curriculum development, presentation design and in-class presentation time and activities.
- **\$2,000:** 1,500 dune plants from Mission Blue Nursery.
- **\$500:** Production, paper, and printing of 300 activity booklets or interpretive walking guides to utilize during the project field trips and tours.

Other funding sources include \$12,413 from San Bruno Mountain Watch, \$4,375 from the Christensen Fund, and \$7,375 pending from Patagonia.

San Bruno Mountain Watch has received funding from San Mateo County in prior years for habitat restoration work on San Bruno Mountain as part of the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan, and for native plants for County restoration projects. In 2016, San Bruno Mountain Watch received \$3,237, and in 2017 they received \$12,090.

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 2018-2019 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
Number of classroom presentations between August 2018 and May 2019	10
Number of field trips/restoration events between August 2018 and May 2019	18
Number of students engaged between August 2018 and May 2019	375
Number of volunteer hours between August 2018 and May 2019	850
Percent of students showing clear comprehension and understanding of the learning objectives through questionnaires or written assignments between August 2018 and May 2019	70%

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

Funding for San Bruno Mountain Watch contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an environmentally conscious community by teaching students to appreciate the conservation of open land and embrace the beautification of public parkland.

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.