



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 4
File #: 19-995

Board Meeting Date: 10/22/2019

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 \$50,000, to the Community Equity Collaborative for the Teacher Pipeline Project to offer tuition-free Early Childhood Education classes to address the shortage of high-quality child care, and authorizing the County Manager, or his 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 its 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) - Community Equity Collaborative: for the Teacher Pipeline Project to offer tuition-free Early Childhood Education classes to address the shortage of high-quality child care	\$50,000

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 grant to Community Equity Collaborative (CEC) and resulting grant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the Teacher Pipeline Project to offer tuition-free Early Childhood Education classes to address the shortage of high-quality child care. The County Manager’s Office will administer and manage the proposed agreement.

CEC facilitates collaboration on solutions to educational equities that others, working daily in their fields, may not have the bandwidth to address. Investing in education during a child’s critical first five years helps break the cycle of poverty by empowering today’s parents and tomorrow’s workforce. In San Mateo County, however, there is an acute shortage of Early Childhood Education professionals. CEC’s Teacher Pipeline Project is intended to address this shortage - the Project aims to expand access to early learning by growing the workforce and increasing teacher quality.

Specifically, this \$50,000 Measure K district-discretionary grant will be used for the Teacher Pipeline Project, where CEC provides adult students pursuing Early Childhood Education college credits with one- and two-year pathways to Assistant Teacher or Teacher positions with classes, meals, and childcare at no cost to the participants. By easing the burden for these future teachers, CEC anticipates that this grant will put 80 new assistant teachers into local Early Childhood Education classrooms in 2020. The Teacher Pipeline Project leverages existing community resources to provide participants the wraparound support necessary to become an Early Childhood Education assistant teacher or teacher.

Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$50,000

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:

Dayna Chung, Director of Workforce Initiatives
Heather Hopkins, Director of Facilities and Nutrition Initiatives
Community Equity Collaborative
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PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Description	Target
Tuition-free Early Childhood Education (ECE) classes plus wraparound services to address high-quality child care teacher shortage	80 new assistant teachers for local ECE classrooms by the end of 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 2019-20 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget.