



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Board of Supervisors
Department No.: 011
For Agenda Of: November 7, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Board Member(s) Board of Supervisors, Fourth District Office
Contact Info: Aaron Hanke, Chief of Staff (805) 346-8422
SUBJECT: **Authorization of Funding to Local Organizations Serving Veterans and Youth Sports**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the contribution of \$5,000 to Healing Heroes Through Horsemanship, Inc, (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit) from the FY 2023-24 Fourth District General County Programs Dept 990 discretionary funding;
- b) Approve and authorize the contribution of, and not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000, from the FY 2023-24 Fourth District General County Programs Dept 990 discretionary funding to various youth sports organizations throughout the District;
- c) Find that the project provides a community benefit that meets the social needs of the County; and
- d) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary:

Upon the adoption of the County’s 2023-24 Annual Budget, each Supervisorial District was allocated \$100,000 of discretionary funding to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community. These funding requests are to come back to the full Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda for majority approval.

The Fourth District is seeking authorization to contribute \$20,000 to benefit Veterans Services and Youth Sports Programs in Northern Santa Barbara County. All donations will benefit the aforementioned non-profits within the Fourth District in a manner that assists with any and all organizational goals, including: training, participation, rehabilitation and overarching program needs or requirements.

Background:

Veteran Services - Healing Heroes - \$5,000

Healing Heroes Through Horsemanship’s mission is to empower Veterans, First Responders, and other at-risk groups through vocational horsemanship training, equine-assisted programs, peer-to-peer support, and vocational rehabilitation initiatives. They are dedicated to transforming lives through the power of horsemanship, while also providing re-training and re-homing opportunities for retired racehorses and other horses in transition.

They envision a future where the powerful bond between humans and horses transforms lives, offering hope, resilience, purpose, and a path to recovery for individuals facing challenges, and for equine companions in need. [To learn more, visit their website here.](#)

Youth Sports Organizations - \$15,000 (contributions will range between \$500-\$1500 maximum per organization)

There are a number of youth sports organizations in the Northern Santa Barbara County in need of funding, especially within the unincorporated areas where the County does not offer recreational services. The resources dedicated by the Fourth District will assist in overall youth recreation, help to encourage increased participation, and add to infrastructure that improves the overall experience for participants. Some of the recipients may include:

- Santa Maria Youth Football
- Santa Maria Youth Basketball
- Boys & Girls Club Basketball
- Northside Little League
- Southside Little League
- Orcutt National Little League
- Orcutt Youth Softball
- Orcutt Babe Ruth
- Vandenberg Village Youth Football
- Santa Maria Youth Football
- Cabrillo Youth Basketball
- Village Hills Little League
- Orcutt American Little League
- Orcutt Youth Football

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Budgeted: Yes, discretionary funding of \$100,000 has been appropriated for each Board District in the General County Programs General Fund for FY2023-24. The Fourth District office currently has the entire \$100,000 available, which will be used to fund the requested contributions.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Funding Application for 2023-24 Fiscal Year

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