



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: 08/16/2022
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, Third District Office
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SUBJECT: **Contribution of \$35,000 for Santa Ynez Valley Senior Citizens Foundation (Formerly the Buellton Senior Center) Meals-on-Wheels Senior Nutrition Program**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize contribution of \$35,000 for the Santa Ynez Valley Senior Citizens Foundation (Senior Center) Meals-on-Wheels Senior Nutrition Program for Homebound Low-Income Seniors from 990 fund balance; and
- b) Find that the above program is necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of 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 Text:

Upon the adoption of the County's 2022-2023 Annual Budget, Districts One, Two, and Three were each allocated \$73,000 of discretionary funding to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding. These funding requests are to come back to the full Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda.

This action will authorize funding of a \$35,000 contribution to the Santa Ynez Valley Senior Citizens Foundation for their Meal-On-Wheels Senior Nutrition Program. This funding will allow the Senior Center to continue operations of meal delivery for homebound seniors.

Background:

The Senior Center was founded to promote the common good and general welfare of the senior citizens and other members of the Santa Ynez Valley by providing nutritional, recreational, and transportation resources. The Senior Center serves senior citizens in the Buellton, rural Lompoc, Los Alamos, Solvang, and Santa Ynez areas of our County.

Since March 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Senior Center has nearly doubled the number of low-income, homebound seniors it feeds throughout the Santa Ynez and Los Alamos Valleys and has concurrently suffered a reduction in Federal Meals on Wheels and other Community Block Grant funding.

In 2020, the Senior Center prepared and delivered 73,180 meals and distributed nearly 1 million pounds of food. In addition to five hot meals and weekly groceries delivered, the Senior Center provides two shelf-stable meals on Fridays to get seniors through the weekend, along with frozen soup. All Meals on Wheels clients receive formal bi-monthly well-person check-ups, to check on living conditions and overall health and well-being. The Senior Center makes in-person contact with most clients daily while adhering to COVID-19 health and safety distancing guidelines, providing a significant socialization lifeline to many homebound and/or medically fragile clients.

The Senior Center currently serves:

- Meals On Wheels 225 meal delivery clients: 47 Los Alamos, 8 Lompoc, 4 Solvang, 166 Buellton
- Golden Inn & Village lunches for 45 low-income seniors in Santa Ynez
- Drive-Up Meals for 115 seniors
- Senior Grocery Program to 150 seniors
- Monthly Senior Dinner Delivery to 76 seniors
- Free Daily Farmers Market & Weekly Community Grocery Program to over 900 individuals

Food and fuels costs have increased significantly in the past year further straining the Senior Center's food budget. This funding provides a much-needed and extremely urgent lifeline so that the Senior Center can maintain its critical feeding and meals services into the 2022-2023 FY.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 35,000.00		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: The \$35,000 will come from District Three’s allocation mentioned above.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Funding Application for 2022-23 Fiscal Year

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