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Milpitas approves over 1.28 million dollars for most vulnerable residents hardest hit by COVID-19

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The City of Milpitas has received grant funding in the amount of \$1,282,240 from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. At the June 15, 2021 meeting, the Milpitas City Council approved the allocation of funding focused on services related to COVID-19, which is incorporated in the Annual Action Plans.

The CDBG program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual grants to local cities and counties to address community development needs through investment in public services and capital projects that provide resources to the most vulnerable low-income communities. In 2020 and 2021, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated additional funds for Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) response.

The City of Milpitas was allocated \$682,977 in FY 21-22 CDBG funds, as well as \$582,236 in CDBG-CV funds. Additionally, \$17,027 in unused funding from prior fiscal years was reallocated to prepare, respond, or prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The adopted Annual Action Plans will provide 21 grants ranging in amounts from \$5,000 to over \$300,000 to the City's non-profit partners to provide public services, capital projects, and COVID-19 response.

At the June 15 public hearing, many of the City's non-profit partners expressed appreciation for the continued support from the City. The City Council's approved allocation of funds will go toward the Milpitas rent relief program and wraparound services for preventing displacement of Milpitas' most vulnerable residents; access to technology to help counter social isolation for seniors; meal services at shelters; support for the special needs community; counseling for residents affected by COVID-19; and the continuation of a domestic violence prevention curriculum for students at the Milpitas Unified School District.



Mayor Tran shares "A lot of our residents are hurting right now and turning to our non-profit partners for assistance. They need relief and they need it now. I am very pleased that through CDBG funds, we can help our City navigate through the recovery process. These grants will help rebuild our communities and support Milpitas families."

Four new applicants have been allocated CDBG funding to support vulnerable residents or businesses affected by COVID-19. The services include counseling and education to the Milpitas community; support for children, youth, and adults from the special needs community; home-delivered meals for vulnerable seniors; and hands-on marketing strategy training for small business owners.

The City Council affirmed its commitment to funding for domestic violence supportive services by awarding increased funding for emergency shelter repairs, crisis counseling, case management, safety strategies, and sexual assault prevention education.

Vice Mayor Montano says, "I know that our city and many in our community continue to suffer the devastating economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. But I am very optimistic that the lifeline we are able to offer residents through the Federal Community Development Block Grant program will offer some relief and economic assistance for residents impacted by this terrible disease."

Capital projects, totaling over \$300,000 were approved for funding. These projects include critical repairs to the exterior of the LifeMoves Villa shelter, which shelters families experiencing homelessness; home repairs, rehabilitation, accessibility and mobility service improvement work for low-income homeowners in Milpitas; and kitchenette improvements at a very-low income senior community.

Other services that are being funded by CDBG to assist the low-income residents in the Milpitas community include the recruitment of court appointed special advocates to support foster children; comprehensive housing assistance services for seniors and the disabled; legal assistance for seniors; long term care ombudsman program for seniors and disabled; and fair housing, tenant-landlord counseling and dispute resolution services.

While there is a variety of needs in the community, the City Council has prioritized the allocation of the City's CDBG resources to address needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the allocation of these resources, the City Council has also provided assistance and stability for Milpitas' vulnerable residents as the community emerges from uncertain times.

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About the City of Milpitas

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of nearly 80,000. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of

service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration. For more information, visit: www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

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