

2021-22 Caring Community Grants Committee Recommendations
Presented to SHD Board of Directors
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Introduction:

This report summarizes the recommendations by the 2021-22 Caring Community grants committee to fund 59 grants totaling \$3.75 million:

AREAS OF FUNDING	2020-21 Amount funded	2021-22 Amount recommended
Food Security & Nutrition	\$508,000	\$895,000
Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs	\$245,000	\$325,000
Clinical/Medical Services	\$185,000	\$205,000
Behavioral Support Services	\$913,000	\$1,040,000
Health Literacy: Youth & Adults	\$577,000	\$653,000
Healthy Literacy: Seniors	\$572,000	\$632,000
Total	\$3,000,000	\$3,750,000

I. New Grantees

We received 15 new LOIs and advanced 13 to the full app round. Of the 13, the grants committee is recommending funding 10 new grants (last year, 6 new grants were recommended):

Organization	Program & description	Ask Amount	Grant Amount
AnewVista Community Services	Advance & Enhance Your Active Lifestyle Through Education & Resources: Provides tech classes and support for adults 65 and older with the aim of accessing social services and engagement.	\$101,000	\$25,000
Catholic Charities CYO of the Archdiocese of San Francisco	Catholic Charities Adult San Mateo County Memory Café: Provides a welcoming, stigma-free social gathering where people living with dementia.	\$10,000	\$10,000
CORA- Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse	Family Violence Prevention Strategies: Focused on supporting children and youth impacted by domestic violence	\$125,000	\$80,000
Downtown Streets Team	Redwood City Downtown Streets Team: Directly addresses the lack of access to basic needs and resources necessary to navigate the healthcare ecosystem through daily meaningful	\$200,000	\$75,000

	volunteer work cleaning up the streets, parks, and waterways of our communities.		
Family Connections	Family Connections: Offers family support and connects families through home visits, child and family assessments/screenings, support groups for parents and linkages to community partners.	\$25,000	\$25,000
LifeMoves	LifeMoves Food Supplement and Nutritional Literacy Program: A new nutrition program at our Maple Street Shelter and our new Redwood City Safe Parking Program to include both a general counseling and education segment, and a segment targeted at providing nutritional supplements to specific high-need groups (namely, pregnant women and children in the Safe Parking sites, and seniors with dental challenges at Maple Street).	\$50,000	\$25,000
NCEFT (National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy)	Equine-Assisted Programs for Children and Adults with Disabilities and Challenge: Offers an underserved and vulnerable population (those with disabilities and challenges) access to programs that enhance overall health, such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy, mental health services, and recreational and physical fitness activities.	\$50,000	\$40,000
PARCA aka Partners and Advocates for Remarkable Children and Adults	Independent Living Skills and Community Living Options Program: Helps clients improve the quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities and learn to integrate healthy eating and exercise into their day-to-day lives.	\$18,000	\$18,000
Peninsula Bridge	Mental Health Wellness Program: Our Peninsula Bridge Mental Health Wellness Program promotes student and family wellness by reducing stressors and building protective factors. Through our partnership with Acknowledge Alliance, we provide bilingual, evidence-based, early intervention mental health services.	\$30,000	\$20,000
United through Education	Familias Unidas Community COVID Support: Provides information for critical resources available to community members for support with economic, food, shelter, and health during the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$90,000	\$75,000
	TOTAL	\$699,000	\$393,000

II. Conclusion

Overall, the 2021-22 grant cycle went very smoothly. In keeping with last year's trend, the committee members all embraced reading and scoring the submissions electronically. The 8-person grants committee consisted of community members with wide expertise and experience in the healthcare and health education fields: Former SHD Director Rafael Avendaño, Marie Violet, Harvey Kaplan, Ruth West, Michael Garb, new committee member Ann-Marie Silvestri, Director Kim Griffin, and new SHD Director Ivan Martinez.

Each committee member conducted a blind scoring of their applications at the LOI stage and Full App stage. Members conducted the full apps review over Zoom the last week of April and first week of May to determine which ones would be recommended for funding and their amounts. In direct response to the pandemic, this year's application included questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic's financial and programmatic impacts to the organization. The committee also factored in ongoing and future

community and organizational needs in tackling the pandemic in arriving at recommended grant amounts.

We are also recommending ten 2-year grants based on nominations from committee members that meet our list of criteria of consistent leadership and program delivery. They are:

1. Adolescent Counseling Outlet Program
2. Foster City Villages
3. Friends of the Veterans Memorial Center
4. Edgewood Center
5. Peninsula Volunteers Meals on Wheels
6. Kainos
7. Rebuilding Together Peninsula Safe at Home
8. One Life Low-fee Mental Health
9. One Life Music & Memory
10. St. Anthony's Padua