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Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:14:18 PM
To: Benjamin, Marc <mbenjamin@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: FW:

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Hi Marc, attached are the two documents I talked about – one is the sample of the residents housing application of Fresno county and a list of questions the cbo's had as we embarked on the project. This is to give you an idea of questions asked by the cbo's to assure we followed the intent of the project. Thx, see you tomorrow. Margarita



To: Granted Community Based Organizations (below)
From: Council Districts 1, 3, 5
Date: July 23, 2020
Re: Housing Retention Program Grant Agreements

SUMMARY

- On June 4, 2020 Council appropriated \$1.5 million from the Fresno COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to be used for Housing Retention grants
- The City will partner with the following 6 organizations to distribute funds per the agreement and Council direction:
 - Fresno Center
 - Reading and Beyond
 - West Fresno Family Resource Center
 - Education Leadership Foundation
 - Centro La Familia Advocacy Services
 - Jakara Movement

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **In the event that an applicant is up to date on rent but behind on other expenses such as utilities, can the Housing Retention Administrators pay the utility companies directly?**

CARES money can be used to pay non-city utilities such as PG&E, Comcast, and AT&T directly. However, CARES guidelines strictly prohibit funds to be used for City utilities, such as water, sewer, or solid waste.

2. **What about payday or personal loans people have taken out to pay rent/mortgage, how do we collect proof if they are not behind on rent?**

It can be listed under the question "If you are not behind rent ..." and provide proof.

3. **Bills incurred or due?**

We are providing the funds to you and your organization needs to distribute the funds how you see fit.

4. **If the applicant only owes \$400 in back rent, plus \$200 in PG&E, may we only pay those bills for them and apply the rest of their award to future rent?**

The applicant must provide evidence that the grant will be used to prevent eviction or support housing related financial assistance. In order to receive more than the

\$400 in back rent and \$200 in PG&E assistance, the applicant would need to provide evidence that additional money is needed to pay future rent.

- 5. Our controller is requesting we receive a W-9 from landlords (non-corporate) before we put in a check request for landlords for the housing assistance program. What are you all doing regarding this issue? If you are not requesting, how you will justify it?**

City is going to send W9s to the CBOs but not to the landlords and each organization should follow their own procedures.

- 6. What evidence, if any, should we ask for?**

Evidence will vary depending on how the applicant states he/she was impacted by COVID-19. For instance, if applicant states his/her income decreased as a result of COVID-19, you may wish to ask for a paycheck before COVID-19 and one during COVID-19. If applicant states that he/she had additional childcare costs in order to work, ask for documentation of these additional expenses.

- 7. Employment status as evidence?**

We are providing the funds to you and your organization needs to distribute the funds how you see fit.

- 8. Can we provide a money-order?**

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- 9. What about independent contractors, what documentation is used?**

A declaration, bank statements,

- 10. Is an applicant eligible for the City's Housing Retention Grant if the applicant has received other types of funding, such as a stimulus check or disaster relief funds?**

Applicants who have received other funding are not ineligible due to CARES Act regulations, but CARES Act funding can only be used to offset, to the extent necessary, any remaining needs. Includes UFW, United Way and other funds.

- 11. June only eligible?**

Yes

- 12. Future rent eligible (July)?**

Since the agreement was drafted in late May, the intent was to offer this for June 1st. There is some wiggle room for July since we are in the middle of July, only with proper documentation - but not beyond July.

13. Can this grant be used for future rent noted in Exhibit A. Scope of Services, section 1. (ii) c.?

If the applicant can provide evidence that the grant will be used to prevent eviction or support housing related financial assistance through payment of future rent, it could be eligible under the one-time payment of \$1500 to the individual or \$3000 to the household. However, future rent would not be an eligible expense when the landlord agrees to accept 80% of the rent, since the guidelines state payment is for back rent accruing for the months of April, May, and June.

14. What happens if the landlord doesn't want to accept the 80%? Is the applicant ineligible?

The applicant is still eligible for up to \$1,500 as an individual or \$3000 as a household if the landlord is unwilling to accept 80% of the rent.

a. Does this also imply not to exceed \$1,500 or \$3,000 since the tenant may owe much more, regardless if they accepted the 80%.

If the landlord answers that he/she is willing to accept 80% of back rent from April through June of 2020 as payment in full, it is not capped at \$1,500 per individual or \$3,000 per household. As an example, if tenant owed \$6,000 in back rent from April to June, the landlord may receive \$4,800. In exchange, the landlord is agreeing to the \$4800 as payment in full and furthermore agrees not to raise rent.

If the landlord is willing to accept 80% of back rent for April, May and June the "landlord directly" option should be chosen. If this option is chosen, based on the program structure, the landlord is agreeing to accept less monthly rent than owed, but will be able to obtain more money in the aggregate.

The 80% payment is not capped at \$1,500 for an individual or \$3,000 per household. The landlord would only sign Section 4 if he/she is agreeing to the 80% payment.

The Administrator will provide a check directly to the Landlord in an amount of 80% of Applicant's back rent owed for April, May, and June.

15. For clarification, we can't fund applicants who are currently on a mortgage forbearance, is that correct?

Yes, that is correct.

16. Can we grant applicants if their mortgage forbearance ends in a couple of months and they are required to make the lump sum payment then?

No.

17. In the case that an applicant applies for assistance with their “temporary forbearance plan” and their documentation states that they do not have to pay for 3 months, they do need to pay the total amount by August 1, 2020. In this case, can they be awarded the amount due up to their limit?

The applicant could be eligible to receive grant funding for the amounts owed in April, May, and June subject to providing all the proper documentation required in the application. An individual would be eligible for up to \$1,500 or \$3000 as a household.

18. In the case that an applicant borrowed money from a family member/friend to pay for the backed up rent, do we make the check directly to the lender? Do we need to provide them with a W-9?

Yes, BUT...

19. Can a custodian/someone’s legal advisor be paid directly?

No. They would be considered an applicant.

20. How can funds be used for domestic violence victims, is there a separate COVID fund or can the housing grants support?

Focus of this grant is for housing retention due to COVID. CARES funds specific to DV are to be determined. We recommend capturing the need (costs for DV victims to relocate) or we can refer individuals to any homelessness prevention funds available.

21. If my husband and I have a joint business that was affected by COVID-19, what evidence is required to show that my business was affected?

This information is not needed for the housing grant, only housing related information.

THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

HOUSING RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

SECTION 1- APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

How long have you lived at this address? _____

of Children under 18 _____

of Members in Household _____

For each Member of the Household, please provide the following information below:

NAME	Date of Birth

Are you requesting grant funds to prevent eviction from permanent housing?
_____ (Yes/No). If yes, please provide a:

- Signed rental agreement or
- Alternate form of documentation verifying tenancy and monthly rent.

What is your monthly rent (or mortgage) payment? _____

- How many months of rent (or Mortgage) are you in arrears (behind)?

How much do you currently owe your landlord/bank? _____

- Please provide verification of total rent or mortgage due at time of application
 - Can be a dated notice of eviction from landlord stating amount of back rent
 - Or correspondence from landlord or mortgage company/bank

As a result of COVID-19, did your income decrease after March 1, 2020?
_____ (Yes/No)

- **If yes**, please explain how your income has decreased as a result of COVID-19

- **If no**, have you suffered any financial losses after March 1, 2020, related to COVID-19? _____ (Yes/No). **If yes**, please explain how you have suffered financial losses related to COVID-19.

If you are not behind on your rent or mortgage, what housing-related support will this grant be used for? Please provide:

- Invoices
- Bills or
- An alternate form of documentation verifying expenses

Have you received any other assistance related to COVID-19? _____ (Yes/No)
If yes, please identify the source and amount of the assistance received.

If approved, please make the one-time assistance grant payable as follows: (select one)

_____ **80% Payment to Landlord directly** for back rent in April, May, June, July and/or August with no rental assistance maximum. Landlord waives 20% of back rent. (Landlord must certify this Option on the Application)

_____ **Payment to Landlord directly** for back rent in April, May, June, July and/or August with a rental assistance maximum of \$1,500/individual or \$3,000/household. (A joint check will be issued to Applicant and Landlord)

- Please provide landlord's address where rental assistance is to be mailed below (Section 2)

- You may be asked to provide additional documentation to support your application if needed

SECTION 2 – LANDLORD INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Landlord Name: _____

Landlord Address: _____

What is Tenant's Monthly Rent Payment? _____

How much does Tenant currently owe you? _____

Please provide verification of rent currently due

Does Tenant owe you any back rent? _____ (Yes/No)

If **yes**, please provide verification of all rent owed by Tenant

What is the total back rent owed by Tenant for April 2020 through August 2020?

Please provide verification of any back rent owed from April-August 2020

Are you willing to accept 80% of Tenant's back rent from April 2020 through August of 2020, AS PAYMENT IN FULL of any of Tenant's missed or insufficient rent?
_____ (Yes/No)

Do you agree not to increase Tenant's rent during this Program or charge late fines during the state of emergency? _____ (Yes/No)

If Approved, please make check in the amount of \$_____ payable to:

_____ (Landlord name)

_____ (Address)

_____ (City, State, Zip Code)

SECTION 3 – APPLICANT SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that the information provided in the Housing Retention application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I provide any false information or misrepresentation during the application process it will be grounds for denying my application to the Housing Retention Program. I understand in submitting this application I am not guaranteed financial assistance from the County of Fresno's Housing Retention Program.

In addition, my signature below acknowledges my understanding and consent to the release of the information and supporting documents in my application to the County of Fresno Housing Retention Program and its affiliated Administrators. I also understand and consent to the release of this application pursuant to the Public Records Act, to the extent required under California law.

Applicant Name	Signature	Date:
_____	_____	_____

SECTION 4 – LANDLORD SIGNATURE AND CERTIFICATION (IF APPLICABLE)

I hereby affirm that the information provided herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information will be grounds for denying this application. I understand this application is not a guarantee of financial assistance from the County of Fresno's Housing Retention Program. I agree to not increase Tenant's rent for the period of the Program and from charging any late fines during the state of emergency. By accepting payment, I further agree that the County of Fresno Housing Retention Program funding will serve as full satisfaction and payment of Tenant's rent owed from April 2020 through August 2020.

Landlord Name	Signature	Date:
_____	_____	_____

From: Yery Olivares <yolivares@fresnobh.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Benjamin, Marc
Cc: Dora Westerlund
Subject: Small Business Grant Application
Attachments: Fresno County Small Business Grant DRAFT PREAPPLICATION.pdf; Fresno County Small Business DRAFT GRANT APPLICATION.pdf

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Mr. Benjamin,

Attached please find the prequalification and grant application for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Yery Olivares

Chief Operating Officer

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Fresno County Small Business Grant Program – Prequalification Application

The County of Fresno, in partnership with the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation, is providing grants of up to \$5,000 for small businesses in Fresno County that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Selected businesses will be required to sign a technical assistance and reporting agreement to be carried out throughout the term of the grant.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

1. Grant funds will be equitably distributed by County Districts
2. Grants must be limited to (1) loan per business entity
3. Funds are to be used for working capital (rent, payroll, utilities, or other fixed operating expenses)

ELIGIBILITY

Business must HAVE all of the following:

- A for profit business physically located and operating in Fresno County
- Have 10 or less full-time equivalent employees
- Been operating for at least 2 full years prior to March 15, 2020
- Been impacted by COVID-19

Business must NOT have any of the following:

- Been approved or has received disaster relief funding such as Paycheck Protection Program, SBA Economic Injury Disaster Relief Loan or City of Fresno Save Our Small Business Loan to Grant
- Any outstanding local, state, federal tax liens or judgements (if so, must have a payment plan)
- A bankruptcy within the last 3 years

BUSINESSES MUST MEET ALL OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, OTHERWISE WILL BE DEEMED INELIGIBLE TO APPLY

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE:

Business Name _____ Owner Name _____

Business Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

<p>1. Do you have a for-profit business physically located and operating in Fresno County?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>2. Do you have 10 or less full time equivalent employees? <i>Self-employed business owners are eligible (40 hours per week equals 1.0 FTEs; a part-time employee working 20 hours per week equals 0.5 FTE)</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>3. Have you been operating your business for at least two full years prior to March 15, 2020? <i>If so, do you have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years of federal business tax returns OR • Business License reflecting a date prior to March 15, 2018 OR • Fictitious Business Name Statement filed prior to March 15, 2018)? 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>4. Has your business been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>5. Do you have any outstanding local, state, federal tax liens or judgments? <i>If so, do you have a payment plan in place?</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>6. Have you had a bankruptcy within the last three years? <i>Bankruptcies must have a discharge date dating back at least three (3) years at time of submitting this grant application</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>7. Have you been approved for or received an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>8. Have you been approved for or received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>9. Have you been approved for or received a Save Our Small Business Loan to Grant from the City of Fresno?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>



Fresno County Small Business Grant Program APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Business Legal Name:		Employer/Tax ID #:
Business Structure: <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> LLC		
Business Address:	City:	Zip:
Mailing Address (if different):	City:	Zip:
Phone/Cell:	Business Email:	
Referral Source:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
Business Tax Certificate Number:	Expiration Date:	
2019 Annual Gross Sales:	# of Employees (as of March 15, 2020): FT _____ PT _____	
Year Business Established In Fresno County:	Industry Type:	
County Supervisor District:	For Profit Business: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>All owners with >20% ownership must apply.</i>		
Owner Name:	SSN/ITIN:	DOB:
Title:	% Ownership	Email:
Home Address:	City:	Zip:
Owner's Gender:	Owner's Ethnicity:	
Owner Name:	SSN/ITIN:	DOB:
Title:	% Ownership	Email:
Home Address:	City:	Zip:
Owner's Gender:	Owner's Ethnicity:	
Owner Name:	SSN/ITIN:	DOB:
Title:	% Ownership	Email:
Home Address:	City:	Zip:
Owner's Gender:	Owner's Ethnicity:	

If selected, you will be required to provide the following documentation:

- 2 years of Business Federal Tax Returns **OR** Business License reflecting a date prior to March 15, 2018 **OR** Fictitious Business Name Statement filed prior to March 15, 2018
- Voided business **OR** personal check

CERTIFICATION

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify the information in this application is correct and complete.

I authorize the FRESNO AREA HISPANIC FOUNDATION to make inquiries as necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements made and to determine my creditworthiness.

I authorize FRESNO AREA HISPANIC FOUNDATION to request and obtain additional information pertaining to how the Grant funds were used to benefit the business six (6) months from the date of receipt.

I hereby grant permission to FRESNO AREA HISPANIC FOUNDATION, its programs, and partners the right to use my name, business name, location, photograph, video, audio, and/or written testimonials.

I understand that the media will be utilized in FRESNO AREA HISPANIC FOUNDATION's marketing and promotional items, included but not limited to its web site, newsletter, press releases, social media, and other mediums of communication.

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I declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Applicant's Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:
Co-applicant's Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:
Co-applicant's Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:
Co-applicant's Name:	Title:
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Item #5
8/18/20

From: Leslie Martinez <lmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:37 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Agenda Item #5 BOS Meeting 8/18
Attachments: Housing Retention Program Letter (2).pdf

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Please see attached

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August 13, 2020

Fresno County Board of Supervisors
Chairman Buddy Mendes
2281 Tulare Street
Fresno, California 93721

Sent Via Email

RE: AGENDA ITEM #5 HOUSING RETENTION PROGRAM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

First, we would like to thank Supervisor Pacheco and Supervisor Quintero for their leadership and commitment to helping renters in Fresno County by setting up a Housing Retention Program. We also thank Supervisor Pacheco for consulting Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability and other community based organizations in the development of this program. We firmly believe that this program has the potential to alleviate many hardships that low income rural residents are facing in the wake of the global pandemic.

According to census data, 60% of renters in Fresno County are cost-burdened, and over 75% of lower income residents are paying more than 30% of their income to pay rent. With cases of COVID-19 rising in this county, people out of work, and families struggling to put food on the table it is more important than ever to ensure Fresno County does all it can to ensure people will be able to stay in their homes.

We respectfully request Board of Supervisors expand and strengthen the proposed Housing Retention Program by doing the following to ensure families in Fresno County are protected:

- A minimum allocation of \$5 million dollars, similar to the amount allocated for the “Helping Underserved Businesses” grant, as keeping people in their homes should be Fresno County’ top priority given the lack of rental protections.
- Preference to Fresno County residents who live in Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities
- Allow of informal documentation for tenants without a formal lease agreement
- In addition to supporting tenants with past due rent, the program should also protect tenants that will be unable to pay rent on time in the coming months. This will avoid potential three day notices and eviction processing when the Judicial Council orders are lifted.
- Ensure utility payments (water, electricity, etc.) are eligible for funding
- If the funds will be given to landlords, the landlord must be required to provide proof of payment to the tenant
- Landlords must provide documentation to renter that rent was paid
- Remove the affidavit and third party verification requirement for those unable to show proof of loss of income and show documentation of loss of income due to COVID-19
- Ensure that any additional eligibility requirements added will be discussed in a public meeting with input from all stakeholders

We look forward to discussing our suggestions and working together to ensure this program reaches the hundreds of residents in need of assistance.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Respectfully,

Leslie Martinez, Policy Advocate, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
 Nayamin Martinez, Executive Director, Central California Environmental Justice Network
 Crisantema Gallardo, 99Rootz Director, Power California
 Genoveva Islas, Executive Director, Cultiva La Salud and Mujeres Poderosas Amorosas
 Andy Levine, Faith in the Valley
 Sandra Celedon, Executive Director, Building Healthy Communities Fresno
 Ashley Rojas, Executive Director, Fresno Barrios Unidos
 Suget Lopez, Executive Director, Líderes Campesinas
 Pedro Hernandez, Outreach and Engagement Manager, Audubon California
 Daniel O’Connell, Executive Director, Central Valley Partnership
 Kevin Hamilton, Executive Director, Central California Asthma Collaborative

From: Luis Santana <LSantana@readingandbeyond.org>

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:49:29 PM

To: District 1 <district1@fresnocountyca.gov>

Cc: Benjamin, Marc <mbenjamin@fresnocountyca.gov>

Subject: FW: Supervisor Brian Pacheco - Fresno County District 1 Newsletter

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Dear Supervisor Pacheco,

First, I want to thank you for proposing the Housing Retention funding for the Fresno County residents. There is a great need for this support. Being one of the nonprofits helping distribute the Fresno City Housing Retention Grants, we have to turn down several applicants because they live on the Fresno County islands, instead of the City of Fresno. Your proposal will give the same opportunity offered by the City of Fresno to the Fresno County residents.

Second, this morning I had a chance to talk with Mark your Chief of Staff and told our support to your proposal and also, as my board member had already said to you on the email below, that Reading and Beyond would like to offer assistance to the Fresno County like Centro La Familia on the distribution of this funding. I already spoke with Margarita Rocha to make sure this would be fine with her. As you may know, Reading and Beyond has more than a couple of decades of experience in serving Fresno families in need and administer large size grants.

I also had a chance to speak with Supervisor Quintero to let him know that Reading and Beyond support your project and our desire to help distribute this funding. Supervisor Quintero was enthusiastic with the opportunity to provide this resource to his constituents which in many cases are our clients.

Last I want to let you know that I am planning to attend the board of supervisor meeting tomorrow to support your project and perhaps answer any question you may have for us.

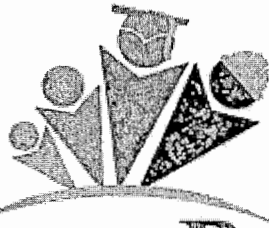
Thank you. Luis

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Subject: Fwd: Supervisor Brian Pacheco - Fresno County District 1 Newsletter

Luis,
Please see the email I sent to Supervisor Brian Pacheco below. Can you please follow up with his office? Thanks.

William Winchester | Chief Operations Officer

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From: William Winchester <williamw@bergmill.com>
Date: August 16, 2020 at 4:11:00 PM PDT
To: "District1@fresnocountyca.gov" <District1@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: FW: Supervisor Brian Pacheco - Fresno County District 1 Newsletter

Hello Brian,
I appreciate your work for the County and our District. Thanks for all the ways you are pushing forward in the midst of Covid. I appreciate our County in news ways since all this started.

I saw in this newsletter about the CARES Act initiatives you proposed. I am now on the Board of Reading and Beyond and wanted to see if we could participate in the distribution. You mention you have already spoken with La Familia and how they are already involved in the similar type of housing retention for the City of Fresno. I expect you already know that Reading and Beyond is also involved in the City program and has \$318k in housing supports vetted and being funded. Reading and Beyond has infrastructure and contacts due to our long presence and multiple programs. In fact, they have contact information for County residents living in County islands that had to be turned down for the City program.

I am going to ask Luis Santana to reach out to your office tomorrow to follow up. If I can be of assistance on this, you can always reach me on my mobile phone. Thanks.

William Winchester | Chief Operations Officer

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From: Steven Seita <sseita@fresnopace.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:05 PM
To: District 1
Cc: Rousseau, Jean; Phil Tsunoda
Subject: AUGUST 18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM #5 – RECOMMENDATION FOR STAND ALONE MINORITY-OWNED AND WOMEN-OWNED CATEGORIES FOR CARES ACT DOLLARS
Attachments: SupervisorPachecoLetter8.17.2020.docx

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Dear Supervisor Pacheco,

Please find attached a letter regarding Item #5 on tomorrow's board agenda recommending establishing stand alone minority-owned and women-owned business categories as part of the county's efforts to allocate CARES Act dollars to businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19.

Please know that I plan on attending tomorrow's board meeting and speaking on this item.

Thank you and I look forward to discussing this issue with you.

Sincerely,

Steven Seita



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August 17, 2020

The Honorable Brian Pacheco, 1st District
Fresno County Board of Supervisors
2281 Tulare, Room #301
Fresno, CA 93721

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION ON AGENDA ITEM #5
SEPARATE CATEGORY FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESS FOR FRESNO COUNTY CARES ACT FUNDING**

Dear Supervisor Pacheco:

Tomorrow, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors will be considering implementing a CARES Act small business grant program for local businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Fresno PACE is very appreciative of the Board's efforts and commitment to prioritize CARES Act dollars for local businesses in the community.

However, one issue that we would like to bring to your attention is that included as subcategories for eligible "small businesses" are minority-owned businesses and women-owned businesses, which is a very worthwhile element.

Unfortunately, minority and women-owned businesses such as Fresno PACE, which serves low-income seniors throughout the entire county, will not qualify as a "small business" under the county's grant program and will therefore be shutout of any CARES Act funding opportunities. Please know that there are a number of other minority-owned and women-owned businesses in a similar situation and will also not be eligible for the county's grant program.

Consequently, we are respectfully requesting that you direct the county staff to add ADDITIONAL AND SEPARATE GRANT PROGRAM CATEGORIES SPECIFICALLY FOR MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES, regardless of size, be eligible for the county's CARES Act dollars.

These minority and women-owned businesses have been and continue to be financially impacted by COVID-19 and should have the opportunity to apply for the county's CARES Act funding. Having additional and separate minority and women-owned categories would be a reasonable and fair remedy.

As you know, Fresno PACE is community-based, minority and women-owned business and is a comprehensive healthcare program and facility that provides compassionate social, medical and support services to more than 800 low-income vulnerable seniors throughout the County of Fresno. These seniors are some of the most at-risk members in the community for contracting COVID-19.



Like many other minority and women-owned businesses in the county that have been adversely impacted by the pandemic, Fresno PACE continues to provide our much needed services to seniors that rely on our help now more than ever. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been working very hard to keep our workers employed and continue to serve the healthcare needs of our most vulnerable senior community members.

Please take the necessary action to prevent Fresno PACE and others from being shut out of pursuing CARES Act funding opportunities. The establishment of separate minority and women-owned business categories, with appropriate funding pools, would remedy this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steven Seita', written in a cursive style.

Steven Seita
Director, Business Development
Fresno PACE

Cc: Jean Rousseau, CAO

From: Noe Paramo <nparamo@crlaf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:14 AM
To: BOSComments
Cc: Lemus, Maria; Villagomez, Jacob; Eduardo Ramirez Castro
Subject: Re: Comments Item 5 August 18, 2020
Attachments: August 18 Fresno County BOS Comments.docx

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On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 9:01 AM BOSComments <BOSComments@fresnocountyca.gov> wrote:

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Thank you,

Noe Paramo



August 18, 2020

Fresno County Board of Supervisors

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have always been scarce even just for free consultations. As such, many individuals are forced to represent themselves in immigration proceedings or to submit affirmative applications with no legal guidance whatsoever.

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The need for housing and immigration legal assistance is now and requires leadership during this COVID-19 crisis.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments via email or at 209-499-8637.

Respectfully submitted,

Noe Paramo
Project Director & Legislative Advocate
CRLA Foundation

cc: Senator Melissa Hurtado
Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula

From: Bashir Khan <bashirkh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:19 AM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Prevent homelessness with COVID CARES money for rental relief!

Fresno County Board of Supervisors please allocate the COVID CARES money to rental relief!

Sent from my iPhone

From: BOSComments
Subject: August 18, 2020 BOS Meeting

From: Yenifer Gallegos-Mejia <yenigallegosmejia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:41 PM
To: BOSComments <BOSComments@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: August 18, 2020 BOS Meeting

Goodmorning Fresno County Board of Supervisors of Fresno County,

My name is Yenifer Gallegos-Mejia and I am a resident within Fresno County. First I want to take this time to thank Supervisor Pacheco for his determination to stand up for the working class. I urge the rest of the supervisors, especially Chairman Mendes to consider the lives of the people who feed him, serve him, and most importantly pay him.

We are in a worldwide pandemic that is taking over this nation and here in the Central Valley it is hitting us like a wrecking ball. Unfortunately, my partner tested positive for COVID-19 and now i'm entering a new job with this anxiety of surviving another debestation.

You really need to start prioritizing this community, the community who put you in those seats. I hope that you start aligning closer to Supervisor's Pacheco's stances and that we can work together to improve the Central Valley.

Let's rise up as one and overcome COVID-19. Set a rent and eviction moratorium and start saving our small businesses that our closing all over our neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

Yenifer Gallegos-Mejia, MSW

Community Organizer

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From: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment: August 18th

From: Josefa Vega <josefav@mifamiliavota.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:53 PM
To: BOSComments <BOSComments@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Public Comment: August 18th

Supervisors,

As a constituent of District 3 I have witnessed massive job loss and displacement of residents due to the lack of consideration for their lives and wellbeing during the pandemic. The board needs to do everything in their power to suspend evictions and provide rent relief to residents. The inaction from federal, state and local leadership is appalling and it is time to stand up for Fresno County residents. Provide rent relief and secure residents' housing now.

In community,

Josefa F. Vega
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Fresno Regional Coordinator
Mi Familia Vota
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Go to Mi Familia Vota's YouTube channel to watch the full interviews.

A Reed awardee grassroots non-profit, Mi Familia Vota is a national civic engagement organization that promotes social and economic justice through citizenship workshops, voter registration, and voter participation. Help us keep our work going. Donate today.

From: BOSComments
Subject: Rental Assistance Relief

From: Jorge Cubillos <jorge.cubillos11@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:03 AM
To: BOSComments <BOSComments@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Rental Assistance Relief

Good morning, I am a Fresno county resident deeply concerned about the Fresno County Board of Supervisors response to the COVID-19 crisis. Fresno county community members are doing their part to care for one another. We need our government leaders to do their part as well.

We need immediate resources to go to testing, direct income and housing/rental supports, rapid rehousing, and prevention of wage loss. We need the Board to fund Fresno's families to ensure Rental Assistance Relief. \$250,000 is not enough. Please consider expanding funding as there is a great need. Thank you.

Jorge, Fresno County Resident

AI #5
8/18/20

From: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment: Implement housing retention program farmworkers

From: Eduardo Garcia <egarcia@latinocf.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 4:01 PM
To: BOSComments <BOSComments@fresnocountyca.gov>
Cc: Christian Arana <carana@latinocf.org>
Subject: Public Comment: Implement housing retention program farmworkers



Fresno Board of Supervisors:
Mr. Brian Pacheco
Mr. Steve Brandau
Mr. Sal Quintero
Mr. Buddy Mendes
Mr. Nathan Magsig

Board meeting date:
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Comment:
Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Latino Community Foundation, **I write in support of Centro La Familia's efforts to implement a housing retention program that provides financial aid for farmworkers that have been affected by COVID-19.** Helping these workers cover the cost of housing-related expenses reduces their risk of being evicted or losing their homes in the middle of the current health and economic crisis.

In the last month alone, Fresno County's COVID-19 case count has doubled. In fact, just days ago on August 13th, the county reported 752 new cases, the highest number of new cases reported by the county in a single day thus far. Agriculture workers continue to be at high risk for becoming infected. These frontline, essential workers labor long hours in close proximity to other workers, and often live in multifamily housing that facilitates the rapid spread of the virus. Many are also without a legal status, which means they were excluded from the federal relief offered to millions of families earlier this year.

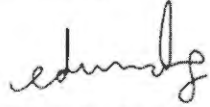
This past March, LCF created the Love Not Fear Fund to support grassroots Latino-led organizations serving Latino and immigrant communities across California. Centro La Familia is one of many organizations in the Fresno Area that we've supported through our philanthropic efforts. In addition to helping the Center maintain its regular services, these funds

were used to assist in food distribution, support residents with essential bills, and assist DACA recipients with filing application fees.

It is for these reasons that I respectfully ask the Fresno Board of Supervisors to work with Centro La Familia to implement a housing retention program that helps essential agriculture workers avoid losing their homes.

LCF is the premier statewide foundation focused on unleashing the civic and economic power of Latinos in California. The foundation has the largest network of Latino philanthropists in the country and has invested \$10 million to build Latino civic and political power and leadership in the state.

Sincerely,



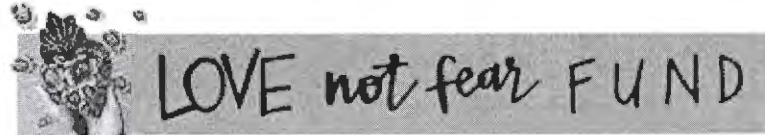
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From: Luis Santana
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:04 PM
To: salquintero@co.fresno.ca.us
Cc: Ari Martinez (hamartinez@fresnocountyca.gov)
Subject: FW: Supervisor Brian Pacheco - Fresno County District 1 Newsletter

Dear Supervisor Quintero,

Today, I sent any email to Supervisor Pacheco thanking him for proposing the Housing Retention funding for the Fresno County residents. As I have shared with you before, there is a great need for this kind of assistance. Being one of the nonprofits organization helping distribute the Fresno City Housing Retention Grants, we have to turn down several applicants because they live on the Fresno County islands, instead of the City of Fresno. This proposal will give the opportunity, offered by the City of Fresno, to the Fresno County residents in your district. I hope you will supporting this proposals well.

After speaking with Margarita Rocha, the director of Centro La Familia, to make sure this would be fine with her, I also offered to Supervisor Pacheco to assist the Fresno County similar to Centro La Familia on distribution of this funding.

Last, I want to let you know that I am planning to attend the board of supervisor meeting tomorrow to support this proposal and perhaps answer any question you may have for us.

Thank you. Luis

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From: Shoji Hishida <shojihishida@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:24 AM
To: BOSComments
Subject: COVID and rent relief

Hello,

- *Fresno communities need the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to do their part to care for our communities through the COVID and economic crisis. \$250k is not enough.*
- *Our families are essential workers on the front-lines, showing up to jobs in the fields, packing houses, grocery stores, and hospitals*
- *It is the hardest-hit communities that lack basic resources like transportation, infrastructure, accessible healthcare, clean water. On top of this, there is the impending housing and eviction crisis.*
- *We need the BOS to fund ensure Rental Assistance Relief and that support reaches the most vulnerable families and community members.*
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