

Helping Underserved Business (HUB) Grant Program

OPERATING COSTS

Activity	500 Grantees	1000 Grantees
Online Application Portal Design	\$4,000	\$4,000
Credit Check & Wire Fees	\$10,500	\$21,000
Staff Cost	\$41,485	\$41,485
Admin Fee (1%)	\$25,000	\$50,000
Program Cost	\$80,985	\$116,485

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Monday, May 11, 2020 11:40 PM

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BOSComments

Subject:

Agenda Item 2.1 - 05/12/2020 - public comment

We are so happy to hear that Fresno County was able to secure \$84 million dollars for COVID-19 relief. I humbly ask that you remember the number of unincorporated communities, like Cantua Creek and Three Rocks, that have struggled so much during this pandemic. SO many of us and our families do not have access to basic services like transportation, the internet, food. My daughter has a 5-month-old child, and she is unable to pay for her utilities, rent, the formula for her daughter, and gas. We are a family of farmworkers, and we are doing our best to help but things are getting more difficult.

Additionally, myself and another community resident are volunteering to pick up food from food distributions and deliver it to the elderly and those without transportation. We ask that the county consider remodeling the abandoned firehouse to a community center so we may hold our own food distributions as well as have a site for residents to get more information, and expand internet access, and help with direct cash assistance to families who need to buy food, pay bills, or rent.

Julia Mendoza, Cantua Creek

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COVID-19 has greatly impacted my community and the entire region. Families are really struggling to make ends meet, people have lost their jobs, and many parents are struggling to teach their kids. Hearing about the \$84 million dollars awarded I ask the county to think of creative ways to find:

Helping pay rents and mortgages

Helping with bills like the internet, cellphones, utilities, etc.

• Funds for schools to provide support for children who are falling behind, a way for social distance learning to be brought to smaller underprivileged areas.

I hope you find it in your hearts to think about small communities in this county. We pray and look to you to guide us and help those in need.

Maria Gloria, Cantua Creek

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Dear Supervisors,

I am a community leader in Cantua Creek. I understand that our county was given \$84 million from the CARES act. I urge you all to work with community members to find the true needs of our county, do not assume what we need. We ask that the County does not forget the rural communities when allocating this funds. Often, when funds like these come to the county, we rarely benefit from them. Please, let this be the first step in changing how Fresno County works with unincorporated communities. Help our community members who are struggling to get by during this pandemic.

Blanca Gomez, Cantua Creek

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We ask that you all consider the essential volunteers that are on the frontlines of this pandemic. As volunteers, we are putting out health on the line to ensure that we are doing our part to help our community. We are on the frontline seeing real Fresno COunty families struggle during this pandemic. When deciding where to allocate CARE funds please consider the following suggestions:

- 1. PPE and basic sanitation for Essential Volunteers Especially food distribution volunteers
- 2. Fresno County should consider using CARES funds to purchase more food for distribution as more food is needed.
- 3. PPE for vulnerable and isolated communities. Access to PPE is difficult and an expense that low income families are not budgeting for. There needs to be basic PPE that can be distributed at food banks and clinics.
- 4. Ensure that rural communities are receiving accurate educational materials on COVID-19, Executive Orders, assistance programs, and efforts to flatten the curve.
- 5. There must be free and ample testing must be available in rural communities and transportation must be arranged for those who can not travel.

Respectfully.

• Community United in Lanare, Essential Volunteers.