# SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.24 (ID # 12811)

**MEETING DATE:** 

Tuesday, June 09, 2020

FROM: SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL: Launch of the Riverside County Non-Profit Assistance Fund to Provide Financial Support to Local Non-Profits Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic - All Districts (\$5 MILLION - FEDERAL FUNDING)

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

- 1. Provide financial support to local non-profits impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic through the launch of the Riverside County Non-Profit Assistance Fund;
- 2. Allocate \$5 million in CARES funding to the Inland Empire Community Foundation to administer the Riverside County Non-Profit Assistance Fund;
- 3. Require grants be awarded to Riverside County non-profits in the amount of \$2,500 to \$10,000 to ensure the viability of the non-profit sector and the community resources in provides;
- 4. Ensure that grants are geographically disbursed throughout the county, assists organizations on the front lines of the community response, advance equity and reach underserved communities; and
- 5. Authorize the Director of Housing, Homeless Prevention and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS) or designee, to execute any and all necessary agreements and documents to implement and oversee the Non-Profit Assistance Fund.

**ACTION:** 

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

June 9, 2020

XC:

BOS-Dist. 2, HHPWS

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Kecia R. Harper

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#### BACKGROUND:

The COVID pandemic has triggered unprecedented levels of unemployment and economic disruption which has resulted in devastating consequences for residents living in poverty or teetering on the brink. Thousands of Riverside County residents have sought public and community services to meet their basic needs and for assistance in navigating various community systems. This need for assistance has taxed not only our public systems of care but also the community network of care provided by the non-profit sector. Our local non-profits are now facing significant financial issues stemming from dramatic increases in service provision, loss of revenue and loss of volunteers. As we work to provide interventions to support our local business community, we must also work to support the non-profit sector which has continued to provide invaluable community services during the pandemic.

Per the State of Nonprofits in the Inland Empire issued in April 2020, there are currently 7,511 non-profits registered in Riverside County and 5,331 non-profits who recently filed tax returns. These non-profits generate a combined revenue of \$3.7 billion and represent 5% of the county's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In addition to revenue, non-profits like businesses also generate jobs. Per the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), there were 69,419 non-profit employees in the Inland Empire. Non-profits play a critical role not only in community services but also in our local economy as businesses.

To support the Riverside County non-profit sector we recommend establishing a Non-Profit Assistance Fund to provide small scale grants ranging from \$2,500 - \$10,000 to local non-profits to assist with general operating expenses. The goal of these grants is to provide unrestricted financial assistance to support the daily operations of these organizations. We also recommend a portion of the funding (5%) be earmarked for technical assistance to support non-profits who require additional assistance. We estimate that we can serve more than 400 non-profits with these grants. Grant applications will be funded based on location, size of the agency, financial need and the direct impact of COVID on the agency's operations. The funding parameters will also strive to advance equity and meet the needs of underserved communities.

The Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) currently administers a regional fund to support non-profits providing direct services related to COVID. This fund is currently operated under the umbrella of the IE Funders Alliance in an effort to leverage a variety of foundational funding and to ensure funds are equally distributed. We recommend that the Inland Empire Community Foundation administer the Riverside County Non-Profit Assistance Fund to build on existing efforts and resources. Streamlined grant applications will be available online and will be widely marketed to the non-profit community. Additional efforts will be made to outreach to very small non-profits operating community pantries and meal distribution services. Staff proposes implementing the program July 1st and allowing for a 30 day application period. Based on this timeline, funds will be disbursed in mid-late August to allow time for application review. The proposed grant program and timeline will allow for these critical funds to be distributed within 90 days of Board approval.



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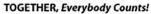
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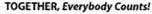
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