



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

City of Anaheim CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DATE: MAY 5, 2020
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: DIRECTION AND ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO THE ANAHEIM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND TO THE CITY'S HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER THE COMMUNITY RELIEF PORTION OF THE ANAHEIM COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN; AND TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION ON THE TEMPORARY DEFERMENT RELIEF ACTIONS UNDER THE PLAN FOR BUSINESSES THAT COLLECT AND REMIT TOT TO THE CITY

ATTACHMENT (Y/N): NO **ITEM # 14**

REQUESTED ACTION:

That the City Council, by Motion, approve and direct the Interim City Manager to: i) allocate \$1 million of the community relief portion of the Anaheim Community and Economic Recovery Plan (Plan) as additional funding to the Anaheim Community Foundation for grants to nonprofits serving Anaheim residents in need due to the coronavirus crisis; ii) utilize up to \$3 million of the remaining community relief funding on housing assistance programs with a focus on assisting Anaheim residents with rental repayment programs after the temporary moratorium on evictions expires; and iii) clarify that the Interim City Manager include the temporary waiver of interest, along with fines and penalties, as part of the previously approved temporary deferment and relief actions under the Plan for businesses that collect and remit TOT to the City.

DISCUSSION:

The Anaheim City Council, in a special meeting on March 26, 2020, approved the Anaheim Community Economic Recovery Plan (Plan), as proposed by Mayor Harry Sidhu, to help seniors, the homeless, needy families and to support and promote business and the return of tourism and conventions when the time is right to do so. Under the community relief portion of the Plan, \$8 million would be made available to Anaheim's City Manager as relief for our community, including \$6 million to support the city's rental-assistance programs, efforts to address homelessness as needed and to fund city services for residents as needed. An additional \$2 million grant to the Anaheim Community Foundation (ACF) under the community relief portion of the Plan has provided direct assistance to seniors, youth, needy families and others by funding nonprofits that serve Anaheim.

Since April 16, 2020, ACF has distributed \$1.4 million in city-funded grants to 35 nonprofits as part of its rapid response grant program. The funding now is supporting meals, groceries, gift cards, household supplies and services for families; meals, groceries, face coverings, toilet paper and other household items for seniors and those with chronic conditions; and groceries, hygiene kits, gift cards, bus passes and motel vouchers for those struggling with homelessness. Nonprofits being funded include Meals on Wheels Orange County, Anaheim Family YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress, Salvation Army Orange County, Higher Ground, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, and Grandmas's House of Hope.

The ACF rapid response grant program has proven highly effective by funding nonprofits caring for some of the neediest in our community during the COVID -19 crisis. ACF has about \$600,000 in allocated funding remaining, and is also planning to evolve its support to assist the City as we enter the recovery stage in coming weeks and months.

Given the success of ACF's grant efforts thus far, Mayor Sidhu is proposing for Council consideration and approval that the Interim City Manager allocate to ACF an additional \$1 million from the community relief portion of the Plan.

Mayor Sidhu is also proposing for Council consideration and approval utilizing up to \$3 million of the remaining community relief funding on housing assistance programs to aid Anaheim residents with rental repayment once the temporary moratorium on evictions expires. The City's proposed rental repayment program will aid those renters impacted by COVID-19.

Finally, requested action will clarify that the Interim City Manager include the temporary waiver of interest, along with fines and penalties, as part of the previously approved temporary deferment and relief actions under the Plan for businesses that collect and remit TOT to the City. As a temporary economic relief measure, the Council's original action waived fees and penalties for any payor that opted to defer TOT during the COVID-19 crisis. This action would also temporarily relieve payors of paying interest should they defer TOT payments.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

No additional impact on budget as allocations would come from previously authorized spending. Any waived TOT interest is anticipated to be minimal as a result of the temporary nature of the TOT deferral program.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Garcia
Interim City Manager