

COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Report Semi-Annual Implementation Status Report

Community and Economic Development Committee

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Background

- ❑ November 2021 – November 2022: Task Force Process
- ❑ December 6, 2022: Council approved Task Force Report
- ❑ 88 recommendations organized by three implementations categories:
 - 1 = Already underway/part of department work plan
 - 2 = City Council policy decision
 - 3 = Additional evaluation and/or resources required



Progress on 10 Recommendations with \$2 million ARP Funding

Recommendation	Progress
<u>Childcare, Early Care and Education, and Youth Development Committee</u> Action 4.3: Expand childcare, early care, and out-of-school time programs in zip codes most impacted by COVID-19.	FIRST5 Santa Clara County to provide \$5,000 mini grants to up to 15 licensed family child care home businesses. (\$100,000) Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services to support teen center programming for summer 2023. (\$100,000)
<u>Community Engagement Committee</u> Action 1.1: Continue and expand the COVID-19 Recovery Task Force's Pilot Promotores program to build awareness of recovery resources offered by the City and community-based partners.	Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) - community health workers will conduct outreach and workshops with Vietnamese, Asian Indian, and Filipino communities. (\$100,000)
<u>Community Engagement Committee</u> Action 1.3: Consider having the City host an annual recovery resource fair and/or other engagement activity to directly connect residents with Recovery resources.	The City will sponsor a COVID-19 Recovery Resource Fair hub at the June 11, 2023 Viva CalleSJ event. (\$15,000)

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<u>Community Health and Wellness Committee</u> Action 2.6: Provide additional funding through the City's Senior Health and Wellness Grant Program to support an increase of chronic disease education , especially diabetes management and prevention.	PRNS will disperse grants to eligible organizations in October 2023 grant cycle. (\$100,000) <i>Pending confirmation of compliance with federal requirements</i> PRNS will provide transportation services for seniors to have access to programs and services at Community Centers in priority zip codes. (\$100,000)
<u>Housing Committee</u> Action 4.1: Fund local community-based organizations to conduct outreach on renters' rights, homeownership, and existing housing programs and services .	Latinos United for New America (LUNA) will conduct outreach and educate residents on renters' rights and housing programs. (\$130,000)
<u>Housing Committee</u> Action 4.2: Develop a multi-platform online Tenant Resource Center .	Additional support for Eviction Prevention Help Center's effort to provide resources, information, and access to legal services to at least 70 households a month. (\$130,000)
<u>Just Recovery for Airport, Hotel, and Arts Workers Committee</u> Action 2.4: Provide subsidies at City owned venues prioritizing small and mid-sized arts groups .	Small- and mid-sized San José-based art organizations will receive full or partial rental subsidies. (\$100,000)

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<u>Supporting Small Businesses Committee</u> Action 1.1: Continue to prioritize and increase financial assistance and support for very small businesses (fewer than 10 employees).	OEDCA processing 60 storefront grants to be awarded by June 30, 2023. 300 small businesses will receive rent relief grants by December 31, 2023. (\$600,000)
<u>Supporting Small Businesses Committee</u> Action 2.1: Continue to partner with and provide funding to non-profits who provide training to small business owners on managing books, filing taxes, building credit, securing funding, computer literacy, and other financial tools for long term success.	OEDCA amending contracts with Prosperity Lab, Enterprise Foundation, and Latino Business Foundation for additional technical assistance to small businesses; goal to assist 150 businesses. (\$150,000)
<u>Workers' Health Safety and Rights Committee</u> Action 1.2: Increase engagement with the County's Fair Workplace Collaborative to conduct outreach and education , especially around City minimum wage and wage and hour issues.	Office of Equality Assurance entering into agreement with Santa Clara County Office of Labor Standards Enforcement to support a two-year pilot program to expand outreach and education for San José businesses to prevent wage violations. (\$375,000)

Recommendations for Possible Consideration in FY 2024-2025

Recommendations

Childcare, Early Care and Education, and Youth Development Committee

Action 3.3 Improve access to childcare and preschool programs for families who make just above the State income guidelines and do not qualify for these programs.

Action 5.2 Expand social-emotional learning to address traumas related to COVID-19. Collaborate to expand opportunities and advocate for social-emotional learning to address traumas related to COVID-19 for all children and youth.

Community Engagement

Action 1.2 Involve the community to simplify forms needed to access important recovery resources related to housing, workforce development, small business, and after-school programs. Consider starting with those related to housing resources.

Just Recovery for Airport, Hotel, and Arts Workers Committee

Action 2.5 Promote arts-based events at City-owned facilities.

Workers' Health, Safety, and Rights Committee

Action 1.1 Increase staff and resources in the Office of Equality Assurance.

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Housing Committee

Action 1.4 Continue development of an Eviction Diversion/Housing collaborative court.

Action 2.4 Develop an acquisition/rehabilitation program for rental properties.

Action 4.3 Fund non-profit organizations to educate communities on how to become homeowners and explore different ways of home purchase and provide information on default and mortgage assistance.

Action 4.4 Conduct an evaluation of the City's housing programs and services.

Supporting Small Business Committee

Action 3.1 Continue the City's Customer Service Vision and Standards initiative to update the website and business-related forms and make them easier for small business owners to access and complete needed information such as obtaining a business license or applying for grants.

Promotores Pilot Program

❑ Contracted with 3 Community-Based Organizations

1. CommUniverCity
2. Community Health Partnerhips
3. *¡Sí Se Puede!* Collective

(Amigos de Guadalupe, Grail Family Services, School of Arts & Culture, SOMOS Mayfair, Veggielution)

❑ 21 Promotores hired and trained

❑ Over 15,000 residents reached, with 3,100 referrals to food, childcare, and housing services

❑ Pilot Program will continue in FY 2023-2024 (\$500,000)



Next Steps

- ❑ Continue to explore the remaining recommendations for future budget recommendations
- ❑ Continue to participate in Children and Youth Master Plan process, ensuring relevant Task Force recommendations are incorporated
- ❑ Finalize outcome metrics



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