



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jacky Morales-Ferrand
Margaret McCahan

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 20, 2018

Approved

Date

2/22/18

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SUPPORT COYOTE CREEK FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Housing, or designee, to accept a grant from the California Department of Social Services in the amount of \$5,400,000 to support Coyote Creek flood recovery efforts and conduct all activities, execute, and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary in connection with this grant.
- (b) Add 2.0 Community Coordinator positions in the Housing Department effective March 11, 2018, with a June 30, 2020, limit date.
- (c) Adopt the following Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Appropriation Ordinance and Funding Sources Resolution Amendments in the Multi-Source Housing Fund:
 - (1) Establish the estimate for Revenue from State of California in the amount of \$5,400,000; and
 - (2) Establish a new appropriation to the Housing Department for 2017 Coyote Creek Flood Recovery Efforts in the amount of \$5,400,000.

OUTCOME

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the acceptance of \$5,400,000 in grant funding for staffing and programs that will address the ongoing needs of low-income residents displaced by the 2017 Coyote Creek flood, including case management, rental subsidies, vocational training, basic needs support, disaster preparedness, and other related community building activities.

BACKGROUND

On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, parts of San José along the Coyote Creek were impacted by flooding, and the City Council declared the Existence of a Local Emergency on February 28, 2017. As a result of the flood, hundreds of individuals were displaced from their homes and lost valuable personal property including vehicles, home furnishing, tools, and medical equipment. To respond to this disaster, the City initiated several actions to provide immediate and ongoing support for impacted residents. Key efforts included:

- Worked with the Mayor's Office and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to create the Coyote Creek Flood Fund, which raised and distributed nearly \$7,000,000 to support non-profit partners engaged in recovery and relief efforts.
- Created a Landlord Incentive Program that has provided \$116,000 in small grants to 19 landlords which has allowed 97 displaced residents to return to their homes.
- Established a disaster recovery services program with Catholic Charities, which has provided case management to 235 households and helped 214 households return home or find new permanent housing.
- Supported 86 households with vehicle replacement or repairs.
- Implemented a Flood Loan Restoration program, providing \$486,000 in low interest loans to help 4 property owners in need of additional assistance to repair their homes.
- Facilitated 31 SBA loans for 28 homeowners and three businesses who received approximately \$1.3 million in assistance.
- Repaired the exterior damage to 78 mobile homes with \$414,485 in Minor Repair Grants.
- Finalizing 86 building permits in impacted neighborhoods, ensuring the safety and habitability of hundreds of apartments for displaced residents.

Despite these many efforts, Catholic Charities is supporting 17 households who are living in subsidized apartments and one household who is living in a motel. Many more still need support to rebuild their lives and their neighborhoods. On September 16, 2017, with advocacy and support from the Office of California Assembly Member Ash Kalra, the State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 130. The bill appropriates \$5,400,000 to the State Department of Social Services to provide a one-time grant to the City of San José for purposes of assisting low-income individuals displaced by the Coyote Creek flooding that occurred in February 2017. As a condition of receiving these funds, the City of San José will provide quarterly reports to the department regarding the number of families served and the types of services they received, until all funds have been expended.

ANALYSIS

Pursuant to the City's communication with the State Department of Social Services, authorized by AB 130 to oversee the grant, the following categories are allowed within the scope of services provided to impacted residents:

- Housing
- Employment
- Transportation
- Education
- Disaster Preparedness
- Neighborhood Stabilization
- Community Building

Initially, grant funding will allow the City to continue to fund Catholic Charities to provide direct case management and housing assistance to residents still searching for permanent housing. As mentioned earlier, 18 households consisting of 42 individuals remain displaced from their home and living in temporary housing, including apartments leased by Catholic Charities with subsidized rent and one motel. Many of these remaining households have considerable barriers to finding new stable homes due to a variety of issues including income, household size, and disability. These residents may require a range of services to become rehoused including vocational training and placement, deep housing subsidies, and housing location support. State funds will be used to provide this level of intensive case management and housing support until all the residents are either able to return to their previous homes or locate new housing. Once all residents are rehoused in permanent homes, State funds will then be deployed to continue to restore and rebuild the housing stability and self-sufficiency of residents going forward.

Grant funding will also be used to provide community coordination in the three flood-impacted neighborhoods to strengthen the resiliency of low income residents in their continued efforts to recover from the impacts of the 2017 flood. Effective coordination will help to rebuild community networks in impacted areas and create clean, safe, and strong neighborhoods by connecting residents to resources to recover from the flood and build resiliency and preparedness in the event of future disasters. The Housing Department will hire 2.0 Community Coordinators to provide these services and increase flood impacted resident connectivity and communication with existing City resources and departments. By coordinating and combining resources from the city, the work will help revitalize these neighborhoods as highly livable communities with residents that are fully recovered and adequately prepared in the event of future emergencies.

Additionally, funding will be used to partially support a temporary position in the Office of Emergency Management for the remainder of 2017-2018 with the possibility to extend up to two years. This position will be used in conjunction with the community coordinator positions to support a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in impacted neighborhoods. CERT educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

If Council approves this action, staff will move forward with the timeline below to begin immediately deploying grant funds:

- March – Contract with non-profit partner for grant funding and begin offering expanded services.
- April/May – Post and hire City staff to manage community coordination activities.
- May – Begin implementation of all flood-related community programming and activities.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP

The Housing Department will return to Council with contracts with non-profit partners for approval, including outcome measurements and project goals. These measurements will be reported to Council annually through the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee until funds are fully expended.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City Council's Agenda website prior to the March 6, 2018 City Council meeting.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Office of Emergency Management.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

This item does not have any input from a board or commission.

COST IMPLICATIONS

Acceptance of the \$5.4 million California Department of Social Services grant will enable flood recovery efforts in the three impacted neighborhoods to continue. The 2.0 limit-dated Community Coordinators will be fully funded from the Flood Recovery Grant funds in Multi-Source Housing Fund. The temporary position to support the CERT program will be half funded by the grant in the Multi-Source Housing Fund and the other half will be funded from the City Manager's Office Personal Services in the General Fund in 2017-2018. As part of the 2018-2019 budget process, the extension of the term of this position will be analyzed and a recommendation will be brought forward in context of the General Fund budget position and priorities. In

addition, the possibility of funding the remaining costs of the temporary position through other grant funding sources such as Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) is being investigated.

BUDGET REFERENCE

The table below identifies the fund and appropriation proposed to fund the actions recommended as part of this memorandum.

Fund#	Appn#	Appn. Name	Total Appn.	Rec. Budget Action	2017-2018 Adopted Operating Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
448	New	2017 Coyote Creek Recovery	N/A	\$5,400,000	N/A	N/A
448	R100	Revenue from State of California	N/A	\$5,400,000	N/A	N/A
001	0111	Personal Services / City Manager	\$14,863,428	N/A	543	2/13/2018, 30070

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-004, Government Funding Mechanism or Fiscal Activity with no commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

/s/
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I hereby certify that there will be available for appropriation in the Multi-Source Housing Fund in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 monies in excess of those heretofore appropriated there from, said excess being at least \$5,400,000.


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