

RESOLUTION 2021-034

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE FY 2021/22 SAN PABLO COMMUNITY GRANT FOUNDATION PROGRAM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, *Build a Healthy Community – Build Opportunity to Participate in the Local Economy* (100.1) and *Enhance Community Resilience – Civic Engagement* are adopted policy items under the FY21-23 Council Priority Workplan, effective March 15, 2019;

WHEREAS, this is not a project as defined by CEQA;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2013, the City Council by Resolution directed the City Manager to proceed with consolidating the Annual Community Grant Program and the San Pablo Community Foundation Mini-Grant Program;

WHEREAS, the structure and implementation of the San Pablo Community Grant Foundation Program consists of the following:

- City Manager releases an announcement in the spring, announcing the availability of \$100,000 in total grant funding for qualified local community service and non-profit organizations that serve San Pablo residents;
- The \$100,000 is typically comprised of: (1) \$55,000 from the FY 2020/21 Annual San Pablo Community Foundation Grant Program; (2) a total of \$40,000 in private, corporate sponsorship from the Lytton Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians (who own and operate Casino San Pablo) and Republic Services, Inc. (dba Richmond Sanitary Services); and (3) \$5,000 from a charitable donation from the San Pablo Senior Advisory Board;
- A five-member San Pablo Community Foundation Grant Review Committee (Committee) typically authorized to make recommendations to the City Council on SPCF grant program, policy and guidelines; review grant applications; and recommend grant recipients;
- The City releases financial disbursements to eligible grant recipients before the close of the fiscal year, June 30;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, City Council approved the suspension of the San Pablo Community Grant Foundation Program for FY 20/21 (by Resolution 2020-038);

WHEREAS, throughout the duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City of San Pablo has remained at or near the top of the list of cities with the highest number of positive COVID-19 cases, leading to the City of San Pablo labeled as a “hot zone” for COVID-19. Numbers are generated based upon the number of positive cases the City of San Pablo has (per-capita 100,000) when compared to other cities in Contra Costa County (also per capita 100,000);

WHEREAS, while the number of vaccinated individuals in the community is increasing, the percentage of San Pablo residents that have received vaccinations is well under the County average, thus the threat and potential spread of COVID-19 is still prominent in our area;

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council direct the City Manager to temporarily suspend the FY2021/22 San Pablo Community Foundation Grant Program due to the unforeseen impacts of the COVID-19 Coronavirus until further notice; and

WHEREAS, this action does not result in the expenditure of funds at this time due to the temporary program suspension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizes a temporary suspension of the FY 2021/22 San Pablo Community Grant Foundation Program pending further developments related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2021, by the following votes:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:	Cruz, Ponce, Pineda, Xavier and Pabon-Alvarado
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ATTEST:	APPROVED:

/s/ Dorothy Gantt
Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

/s/ Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado
Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor