



MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE

SPCF Grant Award Appeal

Date: June 12, 2017

Attn: City Manager and San Pablo City Council
From: Mirna Cervantes, MI's Associate Director

Subject: FY 2017-18 Grant Award Appeal



Dear Mayor and San Pablo City Council Members,

My name is Mirna Cervantes, Associate Director of the Multicultural Institute (MI). I am writing to appeal the "No funding recommendation by SPCF Grant Committee" decision letter received on June 1, 2017. Thanks to your financial support in the past funding cycles, MI has been able to create an impact in the lives of many San Pablo residents. Our organization has not received specific feedback about the lack of merit for our grant therefore; I would like to respectfully ask that you reconsider your granting decision and support our Life Skills/Day Laborer Program.

During the current fiscal year our organization has served 153 unduplicated San Pablo residents offering them opportunities to strengthen their employment, social and educational skills through the Life Skills/Day Laborer Program. Specifically we have provided these services:

- Job matching services
- Wage claim assistance
- General Educational Development (GED) exam preparation
- Legal and immigration information
- Onsite screenings and treatment
- Health workshops

The impact of our program activities and services goes beyond the numbers. Individuals overcome health stressors that are associated to not having a full-time job that often result in various negative health consequences. We offer them an array of health workshops that inform them about topics such as healthy eating, nutritious meal preparation, and negative health risks associated with sugary sweetened beverages.

The support from San Pablo Community Foundation will assist MI in continuing to offer these comprehensive services to San Pablo residents, ultimately assisting them in reaching economic stability while living a healthier life.

