



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Board of Supervisors

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Supervisor Lynda Hopkins, 565-2241

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Fifth

**Title:**

Disbursement of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Fifth District Community Investment Fund Grant Awards

**Recommended Action:**

Approve Community Investment Fund grant awards and Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute an agreement with the following entities for a Community Investment Grant for FY 2019-2020: LITE Initiative dba Community Bikes, \$1,000; CA Poets in the Schools, \$350; Sonoma Food Runners (fiscal agent: Matter of Trust), \$1,000; Russian River Historical Society, \$3,000; Jenner Community Club, \$3,000; Santa Rosa Symphony Association, \$1,000; The Perennial Farming Initiative, \$2,000; and Daily Acts Organization, \$3,000. (Fifth District)

**Executive Summary:**

Local Events, Organizations, District Priorities Grants of the Community Investment Fund Policy provides grant allocations to each Supervisor, to be distributed at the Supervisor's discretion. The Fifth District has reviewed the applications and wishes to recommend the following FY 2019-2020 grant awards:

- 1.) LITE Initiatives dba Community Bikes to support low income and the homeless by expanding services; grant award of \$1,000;
- 2.) CA Poets in the Schools for printing and promotional materials for the Youth Poet Laureate program; grant award of \$350;
- 3.) Sonoma Food Runners (fiscal agent: Matter of Trust) to support and expand their program to alleviate hunger, prevent food waste and build community in Sonoma County; grant award of \$1,000;
- 4.) Russian River Historical Society to commemorate, educate, and celebrate Guerneville's 150th Anniversary; grant award of \$3,000;
- 5.) Jenner Community Club to create a website to share the history of Jenner; grant award of \$3,000;
- 6.) Santa Rosa Symphony Association to support the Simply Strings program; grant award of \$1,000;
- 7.) The Perennial Farming Initiative for the Zero Foodprint Program centered around an earth day campaign; grant award of \$2,000; and
- 8.) Daily Acts Organization for events revolving around climate action; grant award of \$3,000.

**Discussion:**

The Sonoma County Community Investment Fund grant program utilizes a portion of the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to encourage economic development, community engagement, enhance culture through a variety of

grant award and funding avenues. The program provides various grants to community non-profits for advertising and economic development, events and the county as a visitor destination with the goal of advancing economic growth through tourism. Additionally, the program provides grants to address impacts on safety due to tourism and to enhance community services throughout the county. The program provides funding to the Regional Parks Department as well as the Economic Development Department and a number of other county department activities, all with the focus of supporting the community's recovery efforts.

The Community Investment Fund Policy is divided into different categories. The Board established the Local Events, Organizations, District Priorities category to fund local events that will support businesses, enhance culture, and organizations that provide a benefit to the community. The Board may award funding to County Department to fulfill Supervisorial District priorities. Funding for these events and organizations is provided at the discretion of each Supervisorial District based on an overall allocation of \$500,000 divided equally across each district. Events and organizations make requests throughout the year to the Supervisorial District in which their event/organization exists.

Funds will be distributed upon approval of these awards by the Board of Supervisors and execution of the Community Investment Fund grant agreement (contract) by the entity. The contracts will be executed by the County Administrator, or designee. The contracts will require the County seal on promotional materials produced using the grant award.

Activities performed utilizing Community Investment Program grants provide public benefits that serve important community needs under Government Code Section 26227.

**Prior Board Actions:**

9/10/2019, 9/24/1029, and 12/17/2019 - Awarded FY 2019-2020 Local Events, Organizations, and Economic Development grants

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 19-20 Adopted</b>	<b>FY20-21 Projected</b>	<b>FY 21-22 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses	14, 350		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>14, 350</b>		
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	14, 350		
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			

Total Sources	14,350		
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**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

Transient Occupancy funds are programmed in the FY 2019-2020 budget.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

None.

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

Community Investment Fund Policy