



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): County Administrator's Office

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Tourism Impact Fund Grant Awards

Recommended Action:

- A) Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute agreements for a total of \$15,000 with grantee: Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Service in Sonoma County, \$15,000;
- B) Authorize the allocation for \$400 from the Tourism Impact Fund for the support of a Municipal Advisory Council; and
- C) Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to amend these agreements to lengthen the time schedules and make minor modifications to the allowed uses that do not increase the amount awarded under the agreement.

Executive Summary:

Today's Actions would award a total of \$15,400 of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Tourism Impact Funds from the Community Investment Fund and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute a total of \$15,000 in funding agreements with grantees to complete projects; would allocate \$400 to be used in support of a Municipal Advisory Council; and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to amend these agreements and make minor modifications that do not increase the amount awarded under the agreement.

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

Discussion:

Transient Occupancy Tax Funding

The Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel/Motel Tax or Bed Tax) is levied at a rate of 12% in unincorporated Sonoma County. In 2016, voters approved Measure L, which authorized a 3% increase to the tax - from 9% to 12%. The first 9% of TOT is divided with 33% of revenues received going into the General Fund. The remaining funds, including the Measure L funds, are allocated according to the Community Investment Fund Policy.

Tourism Impact Funds

One component of the Measure L funds is the Tourism Impact Fund, established to mitigate the impacts of Tourism. The Tourism Impact Fund distributes 10% of revenue from Measure L among the Supervisory Districts, according to the percentage of TOT revenue collected in each District during the previous fiscal year.

The Tourism Impact Fund was established to meet unique and urgent needs of areas within unincorporated Sonoma County that are most impacted by tourism. District Supervisors recommend how funding should be allocated in their district, for approval by the Board of Supervisors. In order to address urgent needs in a timely manner, the Board of Supervisors awards Tourism Impact Funds multiple times a year.

Funds in this category may be used for activities such as safety improvements (e.g. lighted and/or marked crosswalks, traffic calming devices), environmental impact mitigation (e.g. removing trash from beaches, waterways, and areas with high tourist traffic), public safety (e.g. Fire Services), and other tourism mitigation activities, such as parking enforcement in heavily trafficked areas. Funds may be used to support organizations that coordinate community improvements, such as the Municipal Advisory Councils.

Unused funds in a single fiscal year will be accounted for and available in following years.

Details of the proposals may be found in Attachment A.

District Three Funds: \$15,000

Project	Organization/Department	Amount
Chaplaincy Program	Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Service in Sonoma County (LECS)	\$15,000
Sub-Total		\$15,000

District Four Funds: \$400

Project	Organization/Department	Amount
Geyserville Municipal Advisory Council	Various	\$400
Sub-Total		\$400
Total		\$15,400

Funds will be distributed upon approval of these awards by the Board of Supervisors and execution of the Tourism Impact Fund Agreement contract by the entity. The contracts will be executed by the County Administrator. The contracts will require the County logo on promotional materials produced using the grant award, and will require submission of receipts to the County Administrator's Office for the total amount of the grant award.

Due to the scope and nature of projects funded by the Tourism Impact Fund, the project may require modification and/or work may not be completed during the award year, necessitating an extension of time or modification of allowed uses for the organization to complete the project. Therefore it is recommended that the County Administrator, or designee, be authorized to amend the contracts to lengthen the time schedules and make minor modifications to the allowed uses that do not increase the amount awarded under the agreement.

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Prior Board Actions:

12/17/2019, 4/28/2020, and 5/12/2020 - Allocation of FY 2019-2020 Tourism Impact Funds

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 19-20 Adopted	FY20-21 Projected	FY 21-22 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$15,400		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	\$15,400		
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	\$15,400		
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$15,400		

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Funds are included 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:

Attachment A: FY 2019-2020 Tourism Impact Award Data

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

FY 2019-2020 Tourism Impact Fund Agreement

Community Investment Fund Policy