

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Council/City Manager

FROM: Betsy Lowrey, Assistant to the City Manager

DATE: July 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Approve Recommendation for Community Service Funding Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (At the Request of Subcommittee Members Schwank and Kalfus)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve recommendation to allocate a total of \$165,000 to fund grant applications received from nonprofit organizations for the Community Service Funding Grant Program Fiscal Year 2026-27.

BACKGROUND: The City Council appointed Council Member Brenden Kalfus and Council Member Zak Schwank to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Community Service Funding Ad Hoc Subcommittee. This Ad Hoc Subcommittee reviews applications from nonprofit organizations requesting grant funding through the City's annual Community Service Funding Grant Program and makes recommendations for programs that support residents within the City of Temecula.

The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Community Service Funding Grant Program has an adopted budget of \$165,000 with available grants up to \$10,000 per nonprofit organization. Information about the grant program was emailed to nonprofit organizations within the Temecula Valley area to include community-based charities in the City's database. Additionally, promotional advertisements were shared across the City's social media platforms. The application form and guidelines were also published on the City's website and remain publicly accessible at [TemeculaCA.gov/grants](https://temecula.ca.gov/grants).

The City received 49 applications from nonprofit organizations requesting a combined total of \$422,000 in grant funding. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee evaluated all of the applications based on criteria established by the City Council, prioritizing charitable community-wide programs that benefit Temecula residents with services such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, school supplies and support for youth programs, healthcare-related needs, family and elderly care, underprivileged students, individuals with disabilities, domestic violence victims, veterans, and similar initiatives. Twenty-six programs are recommended to receive a grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000, totaling an allocation of \$165,000.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds in the amount of \$165,000 are available in the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Community Service Funding line item 001.101.999.5267.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Application Summary Spreadsheet
2. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Applications (1-49)