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Tribal Chairman Anthony Roberts
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RE: Continuing our Partnership into the Third Year

Dear Chairman Roberts and Members of the Tribal Council,

As we prepare for next month's report on the second year of our partnership in helping the people in need of Solano County, I am requesting that you consider continuing that partnership by funding a third round of projects in Solano County.

1. **Helping Families:** Over the two years of our partnership nearly 3000 people have been assisted and have had their lives positively changed. We are working to amplify our efforts assisting the most marginalized in our community by opening a First 5 Center in Vallejo in January. First 5 Center staff and on-site partners will connect families to community resources such as health care, mental health services, job coaching, vocational training, childcare, early intervention services, CalWORKs, CalFresh, crisis response and domestic violence intervention, immigration services and other family supports. All services will be family centered, culturally appropriate, and trauma informed. We are committing half of our total partnership ask to continue assisting families with meeting basic needs, along with implementing a full scope of services at the First 5 Center so kids in Vallejo and throughout Solano County are able to achieve their fullest potential.

Request: \$ 500,000 for Basic Needs Support and to the First 5 Center.

2. **Mobile Food Pharmacy & Food Rx:** This project brings healthy and nutritious food to the low-income, people in need throughout Solano County. Since the official launch of the program, with the truck operating on a four day per week schedule, 5258 households received produce and other foods totaling 79,629 pounds, an average of 478 households per month. As of September, a total of 2073 Food Rx prescriptions were redeemed at the Mobile Food Pharmacy.

Request: \$ 100,000 for the Food Rx program and Mobile Food Pharmacy.

3. **Vibe Solano:** Our continued efforts to create a more vibrant, healthy Solano is a program who's dividends will pay off for years to come—changing systems is an investment in the future well-being of our community. During July and August 2019, our partnership with Touro University's Mobile Diabetes Education Center (MOBEC) provided blood glucose screenings and diabetes education to over 300 individuals across Solano County. Since the January 2019 launch of the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring program, *Just Check it!*, VibeSolano in collaboration with the Solano County Libraries has successfully loaned out 71 blood pressure kits to members of the community. Building on our success in providing 125 water stations in schools and senior centers throughout the county, of which our partnership funding paid to install, this year we plan expand into six schools in Dixon, one in Benicia, and three others along with reusable water bottles as part of an educational incentive.

Request: \$ 194,000 to fund prevention and wellness programs.

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4. **High School Diplomas:** It takes a while to bring people through the process of working through our libraries to receive a high school diploma. This program comes through a partnership match between the State and County libraries. From our current round of funding, we currently have 12 students enrolled and over 20 in the assessment process.
Request: \$ 11,000 match for 20 people to earn a High School Diploma.
5. **Transportation for Seniors:** This exciting program has been a heavy lift to get rolling, but it has a strong foundation which is poised to have a positive impact not the lives of Seniors and People with Disabilities. This month is filled with final training of the volunteer drivers and a replacement on the lifts in the two vehicles that came as the result of a recall. Our Solano Mobility Call Center is ready to start scheduling trips and we will keep you updated on this program.
Request: Evaluate and report on this program over the next year.
6. **Transition Support for At Risk Youth:** Our County Chief of Probation has identified several gaps that, if filled, would help young people during probation supervision and/or exit from the juvenile justice system. This program will help fill a gap by providing youth in transition with: Professional Attire, Educational and Vocational Materials, Celebrations, Motivational Speakers, A Challenge Day, Mentoring, and other support such as housing and transportation assistance. The primary goal of the Probation department is to reduce recidivism through positive behavior change—they work hard to show at risk youth a different path that is more productive!
Request \$ 150,000 to provide transitional services to youth.
7. **Promote Youth Workforce Development:** Our Healthy Solano Collaborative has identified unemployment as a priority issue and developed proactive strategies centered around workforce development. The two goals of this program are to provide communities with resources and guidance that support the cultivation of career interests and job skills in youth and to expose people of all ages to opportunities from assessment/education/experience/skill building for job readiness. Solano Public Health received 21 proposals to assist young people in workforce readiness and were able provide 3 mini-grants to organizations, this funding will allow us to engage 6 more inspiring proposals.
Request \$ 45,000 to provide 6 grants for youth workforce development.

Our partnership continues with the spirit of Doyuti T'uhkama. The acorn you entrusted to us is steadily growing into a tree that provides comfort and safety. The tree is thriving and the good work of addressing people's greatest needs is developing deep roots in Solano County thanks to our combined efforts.

Sincerely,



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