



Solano County

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Legislation Text

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Authorize the County's contribution of \$5,000 from the General Fund contribution allocated to District 1 to benefit Meals on Wheels Solano County (\$3,050), Florence Douglas Senior Center (\$1,025), Vallejo Community Arts Foundation (\$375), and the Solano County Fair Association (\$550)

Published Notice Required? Yes No

Public Hearing Required? Yes No

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Hannigan requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County's contribution of \$5,000 from the General Fund contribution allocated to District 1 to benefit Meals on Wheels Solano County (\$3,050), Florence Douglas Senior Center (\$1,025), Vallejo Community Arts Foundation (\$375), and the Solano County Fair Association (\$550).

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

During the 2017/2018 Budget Hearings, the Board appropriated \$5,000 to District 1 to support community service programs. District 1 recommends distribution of the \$5,000 available to distribution of the funding as follows:

Meals on Wheels Solano County - \$3,050

The mission of Meals on Wheels Solano County is to provide nutritious meals, daily contact from a dedicated volunteer and to support independence while promoting the social, physical, and emotional well-being of seniors. They have been delivering meals to homebound seniors in Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun, Vacaville and Vallejo since 1977. Their registered dietitian plans all of the menus. All of the meals meet 1/3 of the daily basic nutritional requirements for older adults, follow the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and meet state regulations for food safety and sanitation. They strive to limit sodium to less than 750 milligrams per meal, limit the calories from fat, serve whole grains, vegetables and fresh fruits for fiber. All meals are prepared and packaged fresh at their central kitchen in Suisun City, California.

To learn more about the Meals on Wheels Solano County, visit:

www.MealsOnWheelsSolano.org <<http://www.MealsOnWheelsSolano.org>>

Florence Douglas Senior Center - \$1,025

The mission of the Florence Douglas Senior Center is to foster and promote charitable, educational, social and recreational programs and services, which meet the needs of senior citizens. Senior Center activities include: Games & Cards, Exercise, Arts & Crafts, Dining, Health & Legal Services, Educational Opportunities, Senior Roundtable, Support Groups, a Travel Office, Computer Lab and Thrift Store. The Florence Douglas Center works in partnership with Meals on Wheels to provide a "Diner's Delight" congregate lunch program Monday through Friday. As the only congregate meal sight in Vallejo, they average over 30 seniors participating in the lunch program daily.

To learn more about the Florence Douglas Senior Center, visit: www.FlorenceDouglasSeniorCenter.org

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Vallejo Community Arts Foundation - \$375

The Vallejo Community Arts Foundation (VCAF) is proud to showcase the rich visual, musical & theatrical resources of Vallejo and the San Francisco Bay Area and to manage the historic Empress Theatre, Vallejo's Center for Arts and Entertainment.

For over 23 years VCAF has been promoting and sponsoring arts organizations, artists and special community events, presenting award-winning art exhibitions, hosting public forums, providing grants to arts groups, and offering arts education programs such as our highly praised Summer Arts Camp for children 7-14 years of age. VCAF is proud to serve as an "umbrella organization" to small Vallejo arts groups and special projects, enabling them to develop funding and awareness for their art related programs.

This contribution will be used to advance education and programs through their youth summer arts camp in July.

To learn more about the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, visit:

www.VallejoArts.org <<http://www.VallejoArts.org>>

Solano County Fair Ag Day - \$550

The annual Youth Ag Day is a collaborative effort of the Solano County Fair and agricultural related businesses, organizations, farmers, ranchers and other individuals to encourage Solano County third graders to experience agriculture first-hand.

This fun and educational event is free to all third-grade classes in Solano County and features a wide variety of rotational learning stations and displays. Activities are designed to give children the opportunity to learn about food and fiber production from new perspectives, with a particular emphasis on the agricultural wealth of Solano County. Children participate in hands-on displays and educational presentations as well as an optional pre-event classroom project to enhance the field trip learning experience.

There is no charge for the students to participate, but classes do need to provide their own transportation. This contribution will help to cover the cost of bus transportation.

To learn more about the Solano county Fair Ag Day, visit:

www.SCFair.com <<http://www.SCFair.com>>

Guidelines for Grant Funding Requests:

During the 2017/18 Budget Hearings, the Board appropriated \$25,000, \$5,000 to each supervisorial district, to allow Board members to support community service programs. The Board directed County Counsel to provide guidelines on how to recommend funding for qualifying agencies or programs. The guidelines are as follows:

- 1) Each supervisor must submit the proposed expenditure to the County Counsel and the Auditor/Controller for initial review.
- 2) The Board must approve the expenditure by a majority vote.
- 3) The Board must determine that the expenditure is for a public purpose.
- 4) The Board may authorize an expenditure of public funds to a nonprofit organization so long as the County retains ultimate control over the exercise of judgment and discretion of the intended program.
- 5) To ensure accountability, all expenditures are subject to periodic audit by the Auditor/Controller; and
 - a) If the recipient provides an activity, program or service ("activity"), it shall provide an activity report within 30 days of the activity that states the number of persons attending (if applicable) or

participating activities carried out, feedback from participants (if applicable) and benefits of the activity. The recipient's failure to provide a report may result in its being considered ineligible for future funding.

- b) If the recipient is purchasing property or making improvements, it shall use the funds for only the specified purposes and allow representatives of the county to inspect and/or audit the purchase or the contractor's performance, the facility or the portion improved with the funds and/or the records pertaining to the expenditures. The recipient shall retain for inspection and audit purposes any and all books, receipts, documentation and other records of the expenditures for three (3) years from date of receiving funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This expenditure is included in the District 1 FY2017/18 budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to authorize this appropriation. However, this is not recommended as this item is consistent with Board policy.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

This report was prepared in coordination with the County Administrator's Office, County Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel.