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Chair Acosta remote participation from 2218 Dora Ave,  
NW Albuquerque, NM 87104

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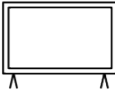
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Nina Acosta, Commissioner  
Venu Mallesara, Commissioner  
Lorin Meeks-Harris, Commissioner  
Michael Murray, Commissioner  
Neva Parker, Commissioner  
Lauren Razzano, Commissioner  
Zach Unidad, Youth Commissioner  
Heather Blanco, Secretary  
Tobi Thomas, Liaison

## **AGENDA**

### **Grants Advisory Commission Meeting**

**April 14, 2026**

**5:30 PM**

**Roseville Electric Building, 116 S. Grant St., First Floor**

**Chair Acosta remote participation from 2218 Dora Ave, NW Albuquerque,  
NM 87104**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**V. REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Minutes of the January 13, 2026, Meeting**

Summary: Review and approve the Minutes from the January 13, 2026, Grants Advisory Commission meeting.

CONTACT: Heather Blanco 916-746-1171 [hblanco@roseville.ca.us](mailto:hblanco@roseville.ca.us)

**2. 2026-2027 Fund Deliberation and Recommendations**

Summary: Commissioners will review the grant application rankings and proposed average funding to determine award recommendations to forward to the City Council for the 2026–2027 Citizens' Benefit Fund grant.

CONTACT: Tobi Thomas 916-746-1368 [tthomas@roseville.ca.us](mailto:tthomas@roseville.ca.us)

**VI. STAFF/COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**



## Grants Advisory Commission Communication

Meeting Date: 4/14/2026  
Item #: V.1  
Item ID: 2026-73

**Title:** Minutes of the January 13, 2026, Meeting  
**Contact:** Heather Blanco 916-746-1171 hblanco@roseville.ca.us

### SUMMARY

Review and approve the Minutes from the January 13, 2026, Grants Advisory Commission meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Blanco, Executive Assistant

Dennis Kauffman, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant City Manager

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. DRAFT\_GAC\_Meeting\_1.13.2026\_Minutes

### REVIEWERS:

Heather Blanco, City Manager Department - City Manager

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Nina Acosta, Commissioner  
Venu Mallesara, Commissioner  
Lorin Meeks-Harris, Commissioner  
Michael Murray, Commissioner  
Neva Parker, Commissioner  
Lauren Razzano, Commissioner  
Zach Unidad, Youth Commissioner  
Heather Blanco, Secretary  
Tobi Thomas, Liaison

## MINUTES

### Grants Advisory Commission Meeting

January 13, 2026

5:30 PM

Roseville Electric Building, 116 S. Grant St., First Floor

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Acosta at 5:30p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Secretary Blanco.

Present:

Commissioner Mallesara  
Commissioner Meeks-Harris (arrived at 5:32p.m.)  
Commissioner Murray  
Commissioner Razzano  
Youth Commissioner Unidad  
Chair Acosta

Excused Absent:

Commissioner Parker

#### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Acosta led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment received.

#### V. REQUESTS/PRESENTATIONS

##### 1. Minutes of the November 12, 2025, Meeting

Summary: Review and approve the Minutes from the November 12, 2025, Grants Advisory Commission meeting.

CONTACT: Heather Blanco 916-746-1171 hblanco@roseville.ca.us

Motion by Lauren Razzano, seconded by Michael Murray, to approve the Minutes from the November 12, 2025, Grants Advisory Commission meetings. The Motion Passed.

Ayes:

Commissioner Mallesara  
Commissioner Meeks-Harris  
Commissioner Murray  
Commissioner Razzano  
Youth Commissioner Unidad  
Chair Acosta

Nos:

Absent:

Commissioner Parker

## **2. Welcome 2026 Youth Commissioner**

Summary: Welcome the new 2026 Youth Commissioner, Zach Unidad, to the Grants Advisory Commission.

CONTACT: Tobi Thomas 916-746-1368 tthomas@roseville.ca.us

Commissioners welcomed Zac Unidad. Zach gave a brief statement about himself.

## **3. Election of Vice Chair for Remaining of the 2026/27 Funding Cycle**

Summary: The Grants Advisory Commission will appoint a Vice Chair for the remaining 2026/27 grant funding cycle.

CONTACT: Tobi Thomas 916-746-1368 tthomas@roseville.ca.us

Commissioner Meeks-Harris recommended nominating Commissioner Razzano or Commissioner Murray to serve as the Vice Chair. She feels both commissioners would do a great job in this role. After discussion amongst the commissioners, Commissioner Murray stated, he is honored. However, this is his first year on the commission and he looks forward to learning this year. Commissioner Razzano stated this is her 2nd year on the commission and she accepts the recommendation.

Chair Acosta wanted to point out that earlier in the fiscal year Commissioner Razzano had expressed an interest in the Vice Chair position and supports this recommendation.

Motion by Loren Meeks-Harris, seconded by Venu Mallesara, to elect Lauren Razanno as Vice Chair to fill the vacant position.

Ayes:

Commissioner Mallesara  
Commissioner Meeks-Harris  
Commissioner Murray  
Commissioner Razzano

Youth Commissioner Unidad  
Chair Acosta

Nos:

Absent:  
Commissioner Parker

#### **4. FY26/27 Citizens' Benefit Fund Grant Applicant Workshop**

Summary: Conduct FY26/27 Citizens' Benefit Fund (CBF) Grant Applicant Workshop.

CONTACT: Tobi Thomas 916-746-1368 tthomas@roseville.ca.us

Chair Acosta, Vice Chair Razzano and Staff Thomas presented the Citizens' Benefit Fund Grant Application Workshop PowerPoint Presentation.

Information only.

Public Comment:

Mr. Patel, Kannada Sangha of Sac- Why does the organization need a Business License in Roseville? Chair Acosta and staff explained the City policy and explained how to get the Business License.

Donna Eckwortzel, Hearts Landing Ranch- this organization, uses interns, and practicum students who are not licensed, but supervised by Licensed Clinicians. She asked how would she record this during the application process. She was told to explain and provide information on the non-licensed students and provide copies of the licenses for the licensed clinicians.

Cathy Costic, What Would Jesus Do? - 1.) She noticed the Board Authorization Form was 25/26 to download, but the year is 26/27. Staff Thomas stated she will update it tomorrow. 2.) Cathy asked if a balance sheet is needed or just the budget for the program. Chair Acosta confirmed budget and budget narrative for the program and an overall operating budget.

Tammy Morgan, Placer Justice Foundation - Will last years RRF1 be ok? Staff Thomas, confirmed yes, most recent year.

Lori Grant, All Clutter Aside- they filed their CT1 filed last October they received a rejection letter and told to refile with the new form, she is not sure if they will have the new one back before deadline. Staff Thomas, stated to attach everything you have including the letter and if we are still in the review process you can send it in when you receive it.

Catia, Child Advocates - Asked with the limited funds can you recommend how much organizations should apply for? Chair Acosta, No we do not have any recommendations.

Jennifer Chapman, Valley Foothill Watershed Collaborative - Does the commission consider partial funding? Chair Acosta, yes, we do partial funding.

Morgan Mariono, Special Olympics - she is a former Grants Advisory Youth Commissioner, and congratulated Zach on his new youth commissioner appointment and said it leads to great things, and thanked the commissioners for all the work they do on this commission.

Commissioners Closing Comments and Tips:

Commissioner Meeks-Harris - follow directions, collaborate with other organizations for help, use all the resources available to you.

Chair Acosta - reminded applicants that this meeting is recorded if they need to review it, the PowerPoint will be uploaded to the website, and FAQs online are helpful. Lastly, from now until council makes their final funding recommendations, the commissioners are not allowed to visit, tour, or discuss anything with any of the organizations.

Chair Acosta called for a short break for any audience that would like to exit before the meeting continues.

## **5. Scoring Process Discussion**

Summary: Review the process of scoring the approved applications for FY2026/27.

CONTACT: Tobi Thomas 916-746-1368 tthomas@roseville.ca.us

Chair Acosta stated the commissioners will talk through the current scoring process. Chair Acosta opened public comment and asked former Commissioner Ed Kriz to explain the historical background and how we got to the scoring process and our policy we use today. Ed Kriz gave a detailed explanation of how the consultant, council, commissioners, and staff collaborated to create a working process. The full Kone report is posted on the Grant's webpage to review.

Information only.

Public Comment:

Dr Hallowa, Wellness Within Cancer Support - ask if there is anything built into the scoring or policy regarding organizations that have more resources and seem to receive funding from Roseville often? Chair Acosta stated it is not built in the report or scoring, but this topic will be discussed at the May meeting.

## **VI. STAFF/COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Chair Acosta thanked Commissioner Kriz for his time over the last 7-1/2 years serving on the Grants Advisory Commission and presented him with a plaque and Resolution of Appreciation. The Commission took a photo with out-going Commissioner Ed Kriz.

Staff Thomas reported that the application closes on February 2nd. She thanked Ed Kriz for his service to the Grants Advisory Commission. She reminded the commission that the next meeting is April 14th, at 5:30p.m. at 116 S. Grant Building 1st Floor conference room. This is the funding meeting, and it will be recorded.

Reminded the commissioners that the approved applications will be available to them to score by March 4th, and their scoring needs to be completed and returned to staff by March 29th.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by, Loren Meeks-Harris seconded by Lauren Razzano, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08p.m.

Ayes:

Commissioner Mallesara

Commissioner Meeks-Harris

Commissioner Murray  
Commissioner Razzano  
Youth Commissioner Unidad  
Chair Acosta

Nos:  
Commissioner Parker

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## Grants Advisory Commission Communication

Meeting Date: 4/14/2026  
Item #: V.2  
Item ID: 2026-74

**Title:** 2026-2027 Fund Deliberation and Recommendations  
**Contact:** Tobi Thomas 916-746-1368 tthomas@roseville.ca.us

### SUMMARY

Commissioners will review the grant application rankings and proposed average funding to determine award recommendations to forward to the City Council for the 2026–2027 Citizens' Benefit Fund grant.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Grants Advisory Commission has completed its review of 38 qualified applications for the 2026–2027 Citizens' Benefit Fund. With a total of \$279,940 available to award, the Commission will now discuss and determine specific funding recommendations. Included for Reference:

- Scoring Questions and Scale.
- Application summary (program details and requested funding).
- Application proposed ranking & funding

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tobi Thomas, Management Analyst

Dennis Kauffman, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant City Manager

### ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026-27 Scoring Criteria
2. 26.27 Applicants
3. Commissioners Proposed Rankings and Funding 26-27
4. Public Comment

### REVIEWERS:

Heather Blanco, City Manager Department - City Manager

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## Review Criteria for FY2026/27 Funding Cycle Citizens Benefit Fund (CBF) Grant Applications

### Grant Threshold Requirements

Applications will only be considered if:

- Applicant has submitted all required application documents by the application deadline.
- Applicant has submitted required annual report(s) for FY2024/25 CBF, REACH and ARPA grants.

### Grant Application Scoring Questions and Scoring Scale

Scoring Questions	Scoring Scale
1. Application demonstrates the need for the proposed effort.	15
2. Application reflects mission and meets the general requirements and guidelines for CBF, and/or REACH.	10
3. Requested funds achieve an impact on the identified need.	15
4. Application demonstrates evidence of community support.	10
5. Application clearly describes how the collaborative partners increase efficiency and efficacy of the grant.	10
6. Application clearly defines the proposed effort and how success is measured.	15
7. Request is reasonable given the proposed effort and the organization's experience and capacity.	5
8. Additional funding support for this proposed effort is clearly identified.	5
9. Proposed efforts budget is well defined and budget narrative explains how funding will meet efforts goals and objectives.	5
10. Proposed efforts budget is reasonable in relation to the organization's annual budget and demonstrates proposed efforts sustainability.	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

## 26/27 Eligible Citizens' Benefit Fund Grant Applications

Small Requests - \$10,000 and under			
Organization	Project/Program	Amount Requested	Community Need Area
Campus Life Connection	Roseville Thriving Youth	\$10,000.00	Health and Wellness
CYT Sacramento Inc	CYT Sacramento	\$10,000.00	Community and Social Context
Defending the Cause Regional Alliance, Inc.	Capacity Building for Roseville Nonprofits Serving At-Risk Youth	\$9,000.00	Health and Wellness
KidsFirst Family Counseling & Resource Centers	Benefit Access & Eligibility Support Program	\$10,000.00	Health and Wellness
Placer Breast Cancer Foundation	Students For A Cure Breast Cancer Initiative	\$10,000.00	Health and Wellness
Placer Community Foundation (PCF)	2026 Nonprofit Initiative	\$2,500.00	Education
Supporting the Taylor House, Inc.	The Taylor House At-Risk Fund	\$10,000.00	Neighborhood and Physical Environment
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Sacramento Inc.	UCP's Recreation - Accessible programs for all!	\$6,971.00	Health and Wellness
<b>Total requested for Small Requests</b>		<b>\$68,471.00</b>	

Strategic One-Time			
Organization	Project/Program	Amount Requested	Community Need Area
Ready, Set, Grow! School Garden Network	Expanding Outdoor Learning Opportunities for Roseville Youth	\$35,000.00	Education
Roseville Historical Society	Archive Accessibility and Oral History Projects	\$9,500.00	Community and Social Context
Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative	Dry Creek Watershed Health and Safety Workshop Series	\$17,587.00	Health and Wellness
<b>Total requested for Strategic One-Time</b>		<b>\$62,087.00</b>	

Operational/Mission Support			
Organization	Project/Program	Amount Requested	Community Need Area
A Touch of Understanding, Inc.	A Touch of Understanding, Inc. In-School Disability-Awareness Workshop	\$25,000.00	Community and Social Context
Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Association of Placer County	Operational Funding	\$5,000.00	Community and Social Context
Assistance League of Greater Placer (ALGP)	Roseville Kids Shop Head to Toe	\$30,000.00	Health and Wellness
Boys & Girls Club of Placer County	Boys & Girls Club of Placer County Summer Camp	\$20,000.00	Health and Wellness
Child Advocates of Placer County	CASA of Placer, Yuba and Sutter	\$30,000.00	Health and Wellness
Compassion Planet	Mentoring and Workforce Development in Roseville	\$25,000.00	Education
Feeding the Foothills	Roseville Food Access Initiative	\$60,000.00	Food
GiGi's Playhouse, INC.	Learning Without Limits Programs	\$14,141.00	Education
Granite Wellness Centers	Treatment Curriculum Enhancement	\$29,625.00	Health and Wellness
Hearts and Hands Counseling	Community Mental Health Counseling Initiative	\$30,000.00	Health and Wellness
Hearts Landing Ranch	Equine-Assisted Therapy Program	\$19,600.00	Health and Wellness
Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance	Specialty Family Support Services for Roseville Pediatric Cancer Families	\$40,000.00	Health and Wellness
Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center	Roseville Service Expansion: Combating Anxiety, Depression and Suicidal Ideation	\$45,000.00	Health and Wellness
Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy	County-wide Chaplain Services-Mission Support	\$30,000.00	Health and Wellness
Placer Justice Foundation	Roseville Victim Services & Prevention Project	\$32,500.00	Health and Wellness

## 26/27 Eligible Citizens' Benefit Fund Grant Applications

Operational/Mission Support (Continued)			
Organization	Project/Program	Amount Requested	Community Need Area
Roseville City School District Foundation	Roseville City School District Foundation	\$30,000.00	Education
Roseville Police Activities League	RPAL Summer/Fall Programs 2026	\$25,000.00	Community and Social Context
Royal Stage Performing & Visual Arts	Creative Pathways: Youth & Family Arts Access Program	\$20,000.00	Community and Social Context
Seniors First	Chronic Health Transportation	\$30,000.00	Health and Wellness
Sierra College Foundation	Student Meal Program	\$25,000.00	Food
St Vincent de Paul Society, Roseville Conference	Food Locker Program	\$30,000.00	Food
Stand Up Placer, Inc.	Crisis Support and Emergency Response	\$40,000.00	Health and Wellness
The Gathering Inn	The Gathering Inn Clothing Closet	\$25,000.00	Health and Wellness
Tommy Apostolos Fund	Tommy Apostolos Shopping Days 2026	\$17,500.00	Health and Wellness
Wayfinder Family Services	Wayfinders Kinship Support Services Program in Roseville	\$15,000.00	Health and Wellness
WEIRA, INC	EmpowerHER: Empowering Immigrant Women Program	\$20,000.00	Health and Wellness
Wellness Within Cancer Support Services	Pathways to Community Well-Being for Roseville Residents Impacted by Cancer	\$15,000.00	Health and Wellness
<b>Total requested for Operational/ Mission Support</b>		<b>\$728,366.00</b>	
<b>Total Overall Requested from 38 Organizations</b>		<b>\$858,924.00</b>	
<b>Available CBF Funds</b>		<b>\$279,940.00</b>	

**2026/27 Proposed Ranking & Funding**

Organization	Project/Program	Average Rank	Requested Amount	Average Amount Proposed
<b>Priority Group: Small Requests (8)</b>				
Placer Community Foundation (PCF)	2026 Nonprofit Initiative	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Supporting the Taylor House, Inc.	The Taylor House At-Risk Fund	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,005.00
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Sacramento Inc.	UCP's Recreation - Accessible programs for all!	2	\$ 6,971.00	\$ 3,988.00
Campus Life Connection	Roseville Thriving Youth	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,071.00
Defending the Cause Regional Alliance, Inc.	FALSE	4	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 3,286.00
CYT Sacramento Inc	CYT Sacramento	5	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,286.00
KidsFirst Family Counseling & Resource Centers	Benefit Access & Eligibility Support Program	6	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
Placer Breast Cancer Foundation	Students For A Cure Breast Cancer Initiative	7	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,214.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 68,471.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,600.00</b>
<b>Priority Group: Strategic One-Time (3)</b>				
Ready, Set, Grow! School Garden Network	Expanding Outdoor Learning Opportunities for Roseville Youth	1	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 21,429.00
Roseville Historical Society	Archive Accessibility and Oral History Projects	1	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 5,857.00
Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative	Dry Creek Watershed Health and Safety Workshop Series	2	\$ 17,587.00	\$ 719.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 62,087.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,005.00</b>
<b>Priority Group: Operational/Mission Support (27)</b>				
GiGi's Playhouse, INC.	Learning Without Limits Programs	1	\$ 14,141.00	\$ 12,958.00
Assistance League of Greater Placer (ALGP)	Roseville Kids Shop Head to Toe	2	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Seniors First	Chronic Health Transportation	3	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,786.00
Stand Up Placer, Inc.	Crisis Support and Emergency Response	4	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,996.00
Tommy Apostolos Fund	Tommy Apostolos Shopping Days 2026	5	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Compassion Planet	Mentoring and Workforce Development in Roseville	6	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,357.00
Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance	Specialty Family Support Services for Roseville Pediatric Cancer Families	7	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,114.00
Wellness Within Cancer Support Services	Pathways to Community Well-Being for Roseville Residents Impacted by Cancer	8	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,777.00
Feeding the Foothills	Roseville Food Access Initiative	9	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 21,429.00
Child Advocates of Placer County	CASA of Placer, Yuba and Sutter	10	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Wayfinder Family Services	Wayfinders Kinship Support Services Program in Roseville	11	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,714.00
Lighthouse Counseling & Family Resource Center	Roseville Service Expansion: Combating Anxiety, Depression and Suicidal Ideation	12	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 10,714.00
Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy	County-wide Chaplain Services-Mission Support	13	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 8,571.00
Roseville Police Activities League	RPAL Summer/Fall Programs 2026	14	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 5,714.00
St Vincent de Paul Society, Roseville Conference	Food Locker Program	15	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Hearts Landing Ranch	Equine-Assisted Therapy Program	16	\$ 19,600.00	\$ 4,800.00

**2026/27 Proposed Ranking & Funding**

Organization	Project/Program	Rank	Requested Amount	Average Amount Proposed
<b>Priority Group: Operational/Mission Support (continued)</b>				
A Touch of Understanding, Inc.	A Touch of Understanding, Inc. In-School Disability-Awareness Workshop	17	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Royal Stage Performing & Visual Arts	Creative Pathways: Youth & Family Arts Access Program	18	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 4,190.00
WEIRA, INC	EmpowerHER: Empowering Immigrant Women Program	19	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,429.00
Hearts and Hands Counseling	Community Mental Health Counseling Initiative	20	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 9,229.00
Roseville City School District Foundation	Roseville City School District Foundation	21	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Sierra College Foundation	Student Meal Program	22	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 3,571.00
The Gathering Inn	The Gathering Inn Clothing Closet	22	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 2,148.00
Placer Justice Foundation	Roseville Victim Services & Prevention Project	23	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 4,643.00
Granite Wellness Centers	Treatment Curriculum Enhancement	24	\$ 29,625.00	\$ 4,946.00
Boys & Girls Club of Placer County	Boys & Girls Club of Placer County Summer Camp	25	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,143.00
Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Association of Placer County	Operational Funding	26	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,667.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$ 728,366.00</b>	<b>\$ 227,896.00</b>
<b>Overall Totals for 38 applications</b>			<b>\$ 858,924.00</b>	<b>\$ 282,501.00</b>

**From:** Jennifer Chapman <jenchapman415@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026 1:40 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Tobi  
**Cc:** Blanco, Heather; City Clerk; City Council Mail  
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April 14, 2026

**TO:** Roseville Grants Advisory Commission (c/o Tobi Thomas)  
**FR:** Jennifer Chapman, Grant Applicant / Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative  
**RE:** Public Comment on CBF Recommendations to City Council

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a grant proposal to the Roseville Community Benefit Fund. It's very inspiring that this fund was established through the sale of the former hospital property on Sunrise Avenue, and has made possible ongoing support to non-profit organizations serving the City of Roseville. The \$859K in requests this year from 36 organizations demonstrates a high level of public involvement and philanthropy which makes Roseville a great place to live.

Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative (VFWC) submitted a request for \$17,587 as a one time strategic initiative to offer a Watershed Health and Safety Workshop Series of 7 workshops focused on the Dry Creek Watershed that would be offered at no cost to city residents. The cost breakdown for this proposal is \$2500 per workshop which can each be funded separately. The minimum funding that would be useful for this initiative is \$2500 to fund one workshop this year, which would initiate and promote the series, thereby helping to attract other sponsors.

Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative (VFWC) has its origins in the regional planning for the Dry Creek Greenway. Coincidentally, next month, the City will be celebrating Phase 1 of the multi-use trail which resulted from that planning effort. This trail will bring increased recreational use to the open space along the creeks in the Dry Creek watershed which in turn will make watershed education increasingly important.

VFWC's history began when Dry Creek Conservancy (DCC) incorporated as a 501(c3) non-profit organization in 1996 as a result of collaborative planning for the Dry Creek Greenway. DCC merged out when VFWC incorporated in 2017 as an umbrella organization for the many watershed organizations that converge in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. DCC is based in Roseville and continues to be a very active part of VFWC, with annual creek clean ups and salmon surveys that draw hundreds of volunteers.

Each workshop in the Dry Creek Watershed Health and Safety series includes approximately 2 hours of instruction followed by 4 hours of outdoor field experience. The workshop topics are:

1. Flood Evacuation / Emergency Preparedness / Water Damage Prevention & Response
2. Cirby Creek Hazard Mitigation Planning
3. Habitat Restoration - Non-native Plant Removal and Native Plant Restoration
4. Leave it to Beavers / Benefits and Conflict Prevention
5. Cirby and Linda Creek Clean Ups (part 1 / part 2)
6. Cultural Connections in the Watershed
7. Green Infrastructure / Low Impact Development / Water Wise Home Improvement

We are hopeful that the Grants Advisory Commission will recommend funding for at least one watershed workshop at \$2500 for the 2026-2027 grant cycle. If funding is awarded, we would announce an interest sign up for all topics, and execute the most popular topic first with the CBF funding. We anticipate a lot of interest in these workshops given that DCC's Facebook page has 5.7K followers.

Please note that many of the other organizations who are applying have already received a CBF grant in the past, and some have received other funds from the City this year (e.g. I believe Council discretionary funds were awarded to the Gathering Inn and AAPI).

Again, please consider recommending a minimum grant of \$2500 to Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative for the Dry Creek Watershed Health & Safety Workshop Series.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Chapman  
Roseville Resident & Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative Volunteer  
415-419-4846