

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Kip Harkness
Jacky Morales-Ferrand

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SAN JOSE FLOOD
VICTIMS RELIEF FUND**

DATE: June 22, 2017

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INFORMATION

During the discussion of item 3.8, Continuation of the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency, at the June 20, 2017 City Council meeting, Councilmember Nguyen inquired about the use of funds from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation's (SVCF) San José Flood Victims Relief Fund (the Fund). This memorandum provides a general overview on the use of the funds and an update on timing for a full staff report.

BACKGROUND

On February 22, immediately following the Coyote Creek flood event, SVCF established the Fund to allow people and corporations to make donations to benefit impacted individuals and families. The goal of the Fund was to provide immediate support for vulnerable residents displaced by the flood. Five grants were made to non-profit organizations to provide emergency assistance and long-term case management to support housing stability and other urgent needs.

ANALYSIS

Since the Fund's establishment, 3,240 donors – including individuals, small businesses, community groups, sports teams, corporations, and foundations – contributed \$6,943,556. The Fund stopped accepting new donations early this month. It is expected that all pending gifts will be received by the end of June. With the City serving as a Fund Advisor, SVCF made grants to experienced disaster relief non-profit organizations to provide direct support to residents. The chart below summarizes the amount of funding provided by the SVCF to each organization and the purpose of the grant.

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ORGANIZATION	TOTAL FUNDING	PURPOSE
Sacred Heart Community Service	\$2,570,000	Direct emergency financial assistance for up to 740 flood-impacted households and basic needs assistance for up to 700 unhoused residents displaced by the flood.
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	\$4,073,556	Case management, temporary housing subsidies, housing search, basic needs, and transportation assistance including oversight of the Car Donation Program for up to 300 flood impacted households.
American Red Cross	\$150,000	Disaster relief support coordination and basic needs assistance for up to 250 households.
Salvation Army	\$50,000	Shelter meal services and donation coordination for up to 150 households.
VIVO	\$100,000	Supplemental basic needs and housing assistance for 82 flood-impacted Housing Authority clients.
TOTAL	\$6,943,556	

The City does not hold a contractual relationship with the organizations receiving funding and the City did not contribute or receive money from the Fund. As the entity legally responsible for the fund and its assets, SVCF verified the tax-exempt status of all organizations receiving grant funding and provided guidance on required documentation, tracking, and reporting requirements. Further, as a condition of accepting the grants, all organizations agreed to provide the SVCF with a final report. SVCF will provide a copy of the final reports to the City by the Fall of 2017. At that time, staff will compile the collected information to create a report of the services and support provided by each agency to assist flood survivors.

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