



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 25, 2022

Approved

Date 5/25/22

RECOMMENDATION

Provide free usage of community rooms at our San Jose Public Libraries.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Free Community Room Use at Libraries

Amount of City Funding Required: \$5,000

This change is:

X One-time _____ Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable):

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

Many community groups, neighborhood organizations and nonprofits look to our libraries for space to hold community forums, meetings, and informational sessions to provide services and resources. Libraries hold. In some cases to reserve the room these groups are charged a \$40 fee for reservation. This is cost prohibitive, especially to neighborhood groups who are trying to hold meetings for the first time, or volunteer groups who do not gain from providing resources, but collectively gain by trying to make an impact in their community. By providing an equity lens to groups who need to make use of this funding, this would ease a financial burden and allow for libraries to continue the great work of being places of community and communal gathering.

Funding Source

X Essential Services Reserve:

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

Please list the contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation:

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