



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Norberto Duenas

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ACTION AND
PRIDE GRANTS UPDATE

DATE: May 17, 2012

Approved

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5/17/12

BACKGROUND

The Community Action and Pride (CAP) grant program provides small grants to San José neighborhood groups to fund activities that result in cleaner, safer and more engaged communities. The CAP grant program stopped receiving new City funding with the adoption of the 2008-2009 Operating Budget with remaining funds approved to be carried over for future grant awards on a year to year basis until the funding was exhausted. At the end of 2007-2008, approximately \$700,000 in program funding remained unspent. These remaining funds have been used to fund grants over the past three years. An average of \$190,000 annually was awarded over this time period. In the current fiscal year, approximately \$100,000 in CAP grants have been awarded to 69 neighborhood groups that applied for the 2011-2012 period.

ANALYSIS

As a result of careful monitoring by City Administration and the fiscal agent United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC), and judicious use of funding by neighborhood groups, the goals of CAP have been achieved at a lower cost than anticipated. Since 2008, the result has been a cost-savings totaling \$110,000. In the Mayor's 2012-2013 March Budget Message as approved by the City Council, the City Manager was directed to use these funds remaining with the fiscal agent for a 2012-2013 CAP Program.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for CAP grants will be issued in late May 2012 for grants to be awarded for the 2012-2013 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. Details of the process will be included in the RFP and electronic notification of this RFP will be sent to neighborhood organizations as well as coordinated with Council Offices. It is anticipated that a portion of this funding will be awarded later in the year in smaller grants.

The 2012-2013 Grant Program will continue the focus on creating neighborhood action that results in cleaner, safer, and more engaged neighborhoods focused on encouraging innovative approaches to improving neighborhoods.

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