



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR MAHAN

FROM: Councilmember Pam Foley

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 25, 2023

Approved

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RECOMMENDATION

Modify the City Manager's 2023-2024 Proposed Budget to incorporate the following budget proposal, including any required funding allocation adjustments.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Grant for Recovery Café San José Nutrition-Dense Meal Program

Amount of City Funding Required: \$10,000

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.):

The time-tested Recovery Café model was established in Seattle in 2003. With guidance and training from the Seattle team, Recovery Café San José was founded in 2011 as an independent, non-sectarian, 501(c)3 nonprofit. Recovery Cafe San José was, for six and a half years, the only Recovery Café model in the state of California. Recently 5 more Recovery Cafés are opening in the Bay Area and San Jose is helping to incubate them.

Recovery Café San José is an alternative, therapeutic, supportive community, founded on the truth that every human being is precious regardless of their earlier trauma, mental and emotional anguish, addictive behaviors, or past mistakes. Providing a safe, warm, drug and alcohol-free space and loving community to anchor members in the sustained recovery needed to gain and maintain access to housing, social and health services, healthy relationships, education, and employment is essential to this model.

In 2022, they provided 24,023 meals (including breakfast and lunch) using mostly food from Second Harvest Food Bank and local farms. Almost everyone they serve faces food insecurity. Recently, Recovery Café was receiving boosted funding from the Federal SNAP Program; however, that increased emergency aid has come to an end. It is estimated that inflation in food prices has cut the value of SNAP increases by 76% since 2019. A grant of \$10,000 will allow Recovery Café to purchase proteins and fresh produce to supplement the donations they receive and serve 4,000 meals.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve: \$ 10,000

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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