



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR REED

FROM: Councilmember Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 22, 2013

Approved

Date

5-22-13

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: African-American Community Services Center Repairs

Amount of City Funding Required: \$25,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): District 3 Parks Construction and Conveyance Tax (Fund 380), Ending Fund Balance (pp. III-17, V-351)

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

For nearly 30 years, the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) has provided programs and services that touch the lives of thousands of people every year from youth to seniors. AACSA is the place for social, recreational, and cultural activities for all ages of the community. Services include a summer day camp, young adult education, meals for seniors and homeless, and computer training.

Since 1979, AACSA has been housed in an old fire house (San Jose Firehouse #2), still owned by the City of San Jose. AACSA has performed some of the maintenance to keep the badly aging building operational, and by leveraging volunteer efforts, Executive Director Milan Balinton, but fund shortages has compounded years of neglect.

Last year, the roof was breached from extensive wear, and the water damage from that leak required minor interior wall repairs and painting. Balinton and his Board of Directors have sought to find funds to pay the five-figure bill, while they consider fundraising for other repairs that include kitchen flooring, bathroom fixtures/tile and parking lot repaving. By committing a small amount of City funding, these organizations can leverage other private sources for building repairs.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

√ Other (Program/Project/Fund): District 3 Parks Construction and Conveyance Tax (Fund 380), Ending Fund Balance (pp. III-17, V-351)

Department or Organization:

Department or Organization Contact (list contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation):

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This change is:

One-time Ongoing

The City Service Area to which the change best relates:

- Community and Economic Development Services
- Environmental and Utility Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Public Safety
- Strategic Support
- Transportation and Aviation Services