



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

February 24, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Maura Montellano/Beatrice Marrufo, Executive Assistant

**SUBJECT: FINDING OF PUBLIC BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE:
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURE(S) AND RECAP OF EXPENDED
FUNDS**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the expenditure(s) recommended and make the finding that the community at large will receive a public benefit from the expenditure of funds for the recommended item(s);
- 2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts for previously approved projects/activities.

FISCAL IMPACT: All approved expenditures are paid from the requesting Councilmembers' line item accounts as approved in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

CURRENT REQUEST(S):

- A. Amount to be determined to Ted Greene Little League in support of Baseball League Fees: Requested Amount: \$2,500
- B. Amount to be determined to 1 Cancer Patient in support of Photographic Exhibit by Traci Asher at Sasse Museum of Art: Requested Amount: \$850
- C. Amount to be determined to Lopez Urban Farm in support of Lopez Urban Art Fest: Requested Amount: \$2,500
- D. Amount to be determined to Total Restoration Ministries in support of TRM Show & Shine For Shelter Car & Bike Fundraiser: Requested Amount: \$1,000
- E. Amount to be determined to A Fatherless Field in support of Pomona Everything Free Street Fair: Requested Amount: \$1,200

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION: At the regular City Council meeting of February 6, 2006, the Council approved an Expense and Reimbursement Policy in compliance with the requirements of Assembly Bill 1234. At the regular City Council meeting of November 16, 2015, the Council adopted Finding of Public Benefit “Best Practices” Guidelines and the Finding of Public Benefit Request Form.

DISCUSSION: The Mayor and/or individual Councilmembers, as listed below, have requested that the Council approve funding for each organization, activity, and/or event as specified below and request that the Council approve the funding amount and make the findings that these expenditures will provide a public benefit to the community at large. Supporting forms for the newly-requested findings are attached with this Report (Attachment).

Current Request(s):

Organization: Ted Greene Little League

Project/Activity: Baseball League Fees

Finding Recommended: Ted Greene Little League baseball program aids in community engagement, encourages healthy lifestyles through sports, promotes civic pride, supports the City of Pomona's diversity and inclusion commitments. We provide a space where the creation of lasting memories and bonds encourage future generations to invest in their community.

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Lorraine Canales

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$2,500

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: TBD

Organization: 1 Cancer Patient

Project/Activity: Photographic Exhibit by Traci Asher at Sasse Museum of Art

Finding Recommended: This will be an exhibit of a cancer patient's cancer journey through photography. The purpose is to ease the fear of the unknown often felt by cancer patients, caregivers and loved ones. Donations will be used to print, mat, frame and ship images to the Sasse Museum of Art in Pomona.

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$850

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: TBD

Organization: Lopez Urban Farm

Project/Activity: Lopez Urban Art Fest

Finding Recommended: Lopez Urban Art Fest is a cultural and art experience that is free for all community members to attend. Donations will be used to pay for materials and facilities needed to execute the 4th annual Lopez Urban Fest. This will include paying artists and workshop facilitators for their work.

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$2,500

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: TBD

Organization: **Total Restoration Ministries**

Project/Activity: TRM Show & Shine for Shelter Car & Bike Fundraiser

Finding Recommended: This event will benefiting RestoreHER Place Women's Transitional Housing and TRM Men's Transitional Housing. Both organizations provide housing for homeless men, women, and children and are dedicated to providing essential support and resources to these individuals including life skills and employment training, financial literacy, support groups, and mentorship.

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$1,500

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: TBD

Organization: **A Fatherless Field**

Project/Activity: Pomona Everything Free Street Fair

Finding Recommended: This event is dedicated to addressing the needs of the Pomona community. We provide essential items such as groceries, lunches, diapers, backpacks, and more. Additionally, we connect individuals with local programs and resources designed to support them. We are committed to improving the City by helping those experiencing homelessness transition into clean and sober housing. We also ensure the safety of women by assisting them in finding secure homes, and we work to combat human trafficking along Holt Avenue. Through partnerships with various organizations, we strive to make Pomona a better place for all.

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$1,200

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: TBD

Findings Eligible for Contributions

The following summarizes Council contributions towards findings within the 30 day period following Council approval in accordance with the Council adopted policy. These items are eligible for additional contributions:

Organization: **Garey High School**

Project/Activity: Cafecito con Libros Literacy Program

Finding Date: 1/27/25

Finding Recommended: Donation will be used to increase literacy and cultural awareness for teens in Pomona by reading culturally and age-appropriate literature, and participating in a variety of activities related to reading. Students will also have the opportunity of being part of a writing workshop given by a variety of authors.

Deadline for Contributions: 2/27/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$6,000

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D2 - \$500, D3 - \$500, D5 - \$100, D7 - \$500

Total Funding Amount: \$1,600

Organization: **Celebrating a Vision**

Project/Activity: 2025 Youth Apprenticeship Summit Training

Finding Date: 1/27/25

Finding Recommended: This is an opportunity for youth ages 13-21 to learn a trade in plumbing, mechanics, electrical, construction and cooking. These skills can be applied to a job. Donations will go toward food, transportation and paying instructors.

Deadline for Contributions: 2/27/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$1,500

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D3 - \$150, D7 - \$250

Total Funding Amount: \$400

Organization: **Pomona American Little League**

Project/Activity: Youth Baseball Softball League

Finding Date: 1/27/25

Finding Recommended: Funding will enable young people to participate in baseball and softball by aiding with registration fees and insurance. This sport helps young people stay off the streets and out of trouble.

Deadline for Contributions: 2/27/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$2,100

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D1 - \$300, D2 - \$300, D3 - \$300, D7 - \$300

Total Funding Amount: \$1,200

Organization: **TBD**

Project/Activity: Relief for Fire Victims

Finding Date: 1/27/25

Finding Recommended: Funding will be used for securing transportation large enough to transport donated goods, including water, food, and clothing to local churches in the areas affected by the recent fire in Altadena.

Deadline for Contributions: 2/27/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Mayor Tim Sandoval

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$1,000

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D3 - \$150, D5 - \$200

Total Funding Amount: \$350

Recap of Expended Funds

The following summarizes additional Council contributions toward findings that expired and are past the 30 day period following Council approval, in accordance with the Council adopted policy:

N/A

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ATTACHMENT:

- Ted Greene Little League
- 1 Cancer Patient
- Lopez Urban Farm
- Total Restoration Ministries
- A Fatherless Field