



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

May 19, 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); and
- 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 Tradición Dance Company in support of 15 Años de Tradición: Requested Amount: \$3,000
- B. Amount to be determined to Kennedy Austin Foundation in support of 2nd Housing Assistance Event: Requested Amount: \$500

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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related business entity, or 3) by any person who has a financial interest in the agenda item requires a councilmember to comply with SB1439.

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: **Tradición Dance Company**

Project/Activity: 15 Años de Tradición

Finding Recommended: Funding will aid in covering the expenses of costumes, accessories and props, key to showcasing authentic Mexican folklorico. This free community event promotes cultural education, youth engagement, and access to traditional dance as a powerful form of storytelling.

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Lorraine Canales

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$3,000

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: TBD

Organization: **Kennedy Austin Foundation**

Project/Activity: 2nd Housing Assistance Event

Finding Recommended: A housing event for single mother and low-income families in the City for first time home buyers. We aim to empower our community with the knowledge and information on how to purchase a home. Funding will go toward food and refreshments, and the real estate expert conducting the meeting.

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Lorraine Canales

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$500

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: **Latino and Latina Roundtable**

Project/Activity: Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez Pilgrimage

Finding Date: 4/21/25

Finding Recommended: The donation will contribute towards this educational and historical community event that has the purpose to bring together our community. Several organizations come together to plan this event every year with the purpose of building bridges in our community

and promoting human rights and immigrant rights in our communities. There is music, presentations, scholarships, and speakers.

Deadline for Contributions: 5/21/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$3,500

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D2 - \$500, D3 - \$250, D5 - \$200

Total Funding Amount: \$950

Organization: **Historical Society of Pomona Valley**

Project/Activity: District 4 Area Commander Meeting

Finding Date: 4/21/25

Finding Recommended: Public meetings with the police assist good communications between the residents and the police and provide a sounding board to air possible frustrations that the police can help alleviate. We are requesting funds for clean-up and set up of the Ebell Ballroom.

Deadline for Contributions: 5/21/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Debra Martin

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$500

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D1 - \$100, D3 - \$100, D4 - \$300

Total Funding Amount: \$500

Organization: **NAACP Pomona Valley Branch**

Project/Activity: 6th Annual Freedom Fund

Finding Date: 5/5/25

Finding Recommended: Donations funds will be used to offset branch treasure budget expenses such as advertising, promoting, purchase trophies and our souvenir booklet, and supplement the Keynote Speaker fee.

Deadline for Contributions: 6/5/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$2,000

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D1 - \$100, D5 - \$150

Total Funding Amount: \$250

Organization: **Project Resilience**

Project/Activity: Fentanyl Awareness & Community Resource Fair

Finding Date: 5/5/25

Finding Recommended: Funding for this will go toward paying the venue fee, refreshments, marketing and gift card incentives. This event will strengthen the safety, health and unity of Pomona by bringing families together and providing essential tools like Narcan and vital education on Fentanyl risks.

Deadline for Contributions: 6/5/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$1,500

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D5 - \$100

Total Funding Amount: \$100

Organization: **Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe**

Project/Activity: 31st Annual Big Time

Finding Date: 5/5/25

Finding Recommended: Funding for this request will go toward paying for restrooms, water and trash at the event. The Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe provides the community with an understanding and sharing of Indigenous culture through dance, song, and prayer and inclusion of community.

Deadline for Contributions: 6/5/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$3,000

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D5 - \$150

Total Funding Amount: \$150

Organization: **Pomona Public Library Foundation**

Project/Activity: 2025 Mayor's Gala

Finding Date: 5/5/25

Finding Recommended: The donation will be used to support the Homework Club, our after school drop-in tutoring program at the Pomona Public Library, and summer cultural excursions around greater Los Angeles for hundreds of children. This helps maintain learning during the summer when school is not in session. Funding will also be used to continue to upgrade landscaping, furnishings, technology upgrades, and the inside of the Library for community use.

Deadline for Contributions: 6/5/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$5,000

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D1 - \$300

Total Funding Amount: \$300

Organization: **Nuestra Casa: Museum of History and Culture**

Project/Activity: Nuestra Casa Museum

Finding Date: 5/5/25

Finding Recommended: The funding will allow for the purchase of office equipment, a telephone line and some fundraising expenses. The museum will cater to a broad audience from school age children to seniors, fostering a deep understanding of the contributions made by Latinos in the region throughout history. It will serve Pomona residents and students, as well as other neighboring communities.

Deadline for Contributions: 6/5/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Nora Garcia

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$5,000

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: TBD

Total Funding Amount: TBD

Organization: **Kennedy Austin Foundation**

Project/Activity: Mental Health Bingo

Finding Date: 5/5/25

Finding Recommended: Donations will toward funding various programs for parents who have lost children, including events and programming that enable families to come together and heal.

Deadline for Contributions: 6/5/25

Councilmember Recommending Funding: Councilmember Debra Martin

Organization Requested Funding Amount: \$1,500

Councilmember Requested Funding Amount: D1 - \$200, D2 - \$100, D5 - \$100

Total Funding Amount: \$400

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:

- Tradición Dance Company
- Kennedy Austin Foundation