



Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities

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Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers and City Manager,

We understand you will be making recommendations for the allocation of approximately \$10 million in surplus monies from the City's Budget. As you know, Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities (SABHC) is an initiative of non-profits, community organizations, adult and youth residents committed to support improvements to the health and well-being of families in Central Santa Ana. In fact, we worked with the City and SACReD to ensure wide community participation in the Five-Year Strategic Plan because we see civic engagement as a core pillar of a healthy community. Based on the input we heard through the Strategic Plan, through our work over the last five years of SABHC, and prior to SABHC, we have several recommendations on the allocation of these funds that will bring immediate benefits to the lives of thousands of families. More importantly, we have stakeholders with direct expertise that can see through implementation efforts.

We urge you to support the following recommendations:

Item	Who	Amount
Fund to incentivize local micro-enterprises that promote local health, arts, and culture. (e.g. worker cooperatives, the establishment of a <i>mercadito</i> as a market place for locally produced artisanal goods, and the establishment of a community-run micro-farm).	Community Development in collaboration with Community Orgs.	\$1 Million
Fund RFP or city sponsorships for community-led programming that promotes health, arts, culture, such as the recently approved mini-grant donation program to community groups.	Community Development in collaboration with Community Orgs.	\$500,000
Community Spaces: Grants for community centers providing health, wellness, arts, culture programming to support infrastructure, new services and providers for Non-Profit Community Clinics, El Centro Cultural de Mexico, Familias Corazones Verdes Park, The LGBT Center OC, the KidWorks Youth Center expansion, and The Cambodian Families.	Community Development in collaboration with Community Orgs.	\$2.5 Million
Public Restroom & drinking fountain at Plaza Calle Cuatro	Parks & Rec	\$500,000
Wellness Corridor signage/wayfinding along 5 routes to promote walking and biking and improve connectivity to the business district.	Public Works	\$250,000

Funding for Community Violence Intervention Worker Certification Program to train, educate and empower community members with tools to mitigate risk factors that contribute to violence, in addition to serving the re-entry population. Training is administered by the Professional Community Intervention Institute, University of Southern California, and University of California, Irvine.	SAPD in collaboration with Project Kinship	\$60,000
Funding for a Community Intervention Worker: Community-Based Violence Intervention and Re-entry Service to provide crisis intervention, re-entry services, trauma care, family support, and long term case managed services to youth and families affected by violence, gangs, and incarceration.	SAPD in collaboration with Community Orgs	\$100,000
Diversion program for eligible youth	SAPD in collaboration with Project Kinship	\$100,000
Community Conferencing	SAPD in collaboration with Community Orgs	\$100,000
Bike infrastructure improvements and extension of the Maple bike trail, including improved signage, lighting, etc.	Public Works or Parks & Rec	\$500,000
Funding to cover costs for leasing public land for a pilot community-run micro-farm	Cmty Development in collaboration with Community Orgs	\$750,000
Funding to purchase boarded up houses & convert to an open space in the Lacy neighborhoods.	Parks and Recreation	\$500,000
Expand Lacy Community Center hours and days for community use.	Parks and Recreation	\$200,000
Funding for RFP to sub-contract health enrollers & navigators to enroll Santa Ana residents in ACA & Medi-Cal.	Cmty Development in collaboration with Community Orgs	\$200,000
Expansion of youth internship program, including to connect students with community-based health careers (to address shortage of health care providers in Santa Ana)	Cmty Development in collaboration with Community Orgs	\$100,000
Mental health and wellness services for vulnerable communities, including a Youth Wellness Program for low income families/refugee and immigrant families that include physical activity, healthy eating, arts and crafts, music and scholarship programs.	Cmty Development in collaboration with community orgs	\$500,000
Additional funding for the check-in center pilot program for the homeless community, to cover improved storage and sanitation services, and allow for the center to be open during times that accommodate for homeless peoples schedules.	Cmty Development in collaboration with community orgs	\$100,000

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us through Ana Urzua, ana.urzua@sa-bhc.org, 714-335-1528.

Sincerely,
The Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities Initiative



CC:

Mayor Miguel Pulido

Mayor Pro Tem Vincent Sarmiento

Councilmember Michele Martinez

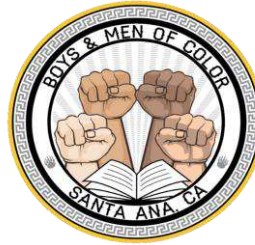
Councilmember David Benavides

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