



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2022
FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

ACCEPT A \$115,000 CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING GRANT, FUNDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EDUCATION PROGRAM, AND AWARDED BY THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - PUBLIC HEALTH, AND EXTEND THE GRANT TERM FROM OCTOBER 1, 2022, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Authorize the acceptance of a CalFresh Healthy Living Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education Funding, awarded through the Riverside University Health System – Public Health, in the amount of \$115,000 and extend the Grant term from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept a CalFresh Healthy Living Grant in the amount of \$115,000 and extend the Grant term from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize an increase in revenue in the amount of \$115,000, or the actual award amount, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount, to the Development Grants Fund, CalFresh Healthy Living Grant revenue and expenditure accounts; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary grant documents, making minor and non-substantive changes, for the award of a CalFresh Healthy Living Grant.

BACKGROUND

The Riverside University Health System - Public Health (RUHS-PH) has received funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) through the California Department of Public Health, CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) Program. In 2013, RUHS -PH (then Riverside County Department of Public Health) decided to sub-grant a portion of that funding to local governments that have demonstrated a

dedication to community health. RUHS–PH has sub-granted a total of \$ 3.6 million to the City of Riverside during two grant cycles (federal fiscal years 2014-2016 and 2016-2019). This current grant award will also extend funded activities through September 30, 2023, allowing the program to continue working with local food pantries and expanding healthy eating programs in economically challenged neighborhoods of the City.

DISCUSSION

The Grant will be used to work with food pantries within City limits to implement changes related to nutrition standards and distribution policies to increase fruit and vegetable demand. The CalFresh Healthy Living team will focus on working with local food pantries on interior signage, promotion, healthy procurement, and product placement strategies.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This program contributes to the Community Well-Being strategic priority and aligns with goals 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5.

1. **Community Trust** –The CalFresh Healthy Living team works with pantries to increase fresh produce and implement pantry policies that support the communities they serve.
2. **Equity** – The CalFresh Healthy Living team works with pantries to update policies and services to ensure all community members receive a dignified and welcoming experience.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – In lieu of funding, the CalFresh Healthy Living team shares with pantries grant opportunities and guidance to promote financial sustainability.
4. **Innovation** – The CalFresh Healthy Living team collaborates with different City departments, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to provide food, partnership opportunities, training, and/or food distribution to community members and pantries.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The CalFresh Healthy Living team connects pantries to resources and programs to strengthen pantry operations and ensure service continuity.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is \$115,000. Upon Council approval and award of the Grant, an increase in revenue will be recorded in the amount of \$115,000, or the actual award amount, and an equal amount appropriated in the Development Grants Fund, CalFresh Healthy Living Grant revenue account number 9340520-334100 and expenditure account number 9340520-440210.

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