



# Human Relations Commission

## Agenda Report

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**SUBJECT:** REVIEW 2024-25 HUMAN SERVICES GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL

### RECOMMENDATION

Receive preliminary recommendations from the Human Services Grant Subcommittee and provide a recommendation to the City Council for final approval.

### BACKGROUND

The Human Services Grant (HSG), formerly titled Grants-in-Aid, had a Council approved name changed in 2022 to better reflect the objectives of the grant program. The HSG program provides financial support to non-profit organization that promote the economic and social well-being of the community members of San Luis Obispo. Grants are made to local organizations or agencies based in neighboring communities whose services contribute to the quality of life of City residents. The 2024-25 HSG application cycle opened on January 22, 2024, and closed on March 1, 2024, and a total of 37 applications were received. Three commissioners from the Human Relations Commission (HRC) met as a subcommittee on Tuesday, March 12, and Tuesday, March 19, 2024, to review, and provide initial recommendations for the rest of the Human Relations Commission to consider.

The HSG has total available funds of \$150,000 to distribute and the subcommittee took into consideration the main funding priority, which is: homeless prevention including affordable and alternative housing, supportive services, and transitional housing. City Council also included additional priorities, which include 1) hunger and malnutrition prevention; 2) supportive physical and mental health services for those in need; 3) services for seniors and/or people with disabilities in need; 4) supportive and developmental services for children and youth in need; and 4) services encouraging diversity, equity, and inclusion in marginalized communities.

### NEXT STEPS

Receive preliminary funding recommendations and discuss the subcommittee's findings, and vote on the final funding recommendations for Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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