



Funding SORO NC Town Hall 2015 \$750

Agenda Item: GB031914-5

Date: 3/19/15

Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

Full Proposal

SORO NC's Bylaws call for us to organize an annual Town Hall event where we offer stakeholders the opportunity to interact directly with City officials about issues that affect their lives.

The Green Team Committee is planning to host a Town Hall on May 17th 2015 about Water Conservation—a critical issue of our time. The Town Hall will include City Representatives and others talking about practical sustainability tips, and will offer stakeholders a chance to learn about this important issue.

This funding motion is to cover the costs associated with hosting and spreading the word about the Town Hall, so that we may organize a successful event.

Costs will include:

- Custodian fee for Castle Heights Elementary School (LAUSD Beyond the Bell permits)
- Sustainable Works Program speaker
- Yard Signs to promote event
- Printing flyers
- Water for panelists

Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC fund \$750 for costs associated with the production and outreach for SORO NC's 2015 Town Hall Event

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 0 Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$750

Arguments for:

It's a valuable opportunity to allow stakeholders to better understand a critical local issue.

Arguments against:

Cost.

It is a chance to carry forward the work of the Green Team committee.

There may be other topics that we could explore.

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Motion to approve a \$5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Hatzolah LA

Agenda Item: GB031915-6
Date: March 19, 2015
Proposed By: Kevin Gres

Background

WHAT IS HATZOLAH?

Hatzolah of Los Angeles was established in 2001 as an IRS 501(c)3 Non-Profit corporation with elected officers and a board of directors, incorporated in the state of California. Their primary goal is to provide trained volunteers capable of responding to all emergency situations in the communities they serve, with the training, skill and equipment necessary to provide competent medical & emergency care. With the support and endorsement of our local community leaders and the local EMS providers, to date close to 100 Hatzolah volunteers have been trained by the School of EMT and certified by Los Angeles County EMS Agency as Emergency Medical Technicians.

Hatzolah's members are all linked to a dispatch center via a sophisticated communication system and ready to respond to all medical emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, Hatzolah has a Medical Advisory Board, consisting of distinguished physicians within the community, with whom Hatzolah regularly consults.

All Hatzolah members are equipped with Life-saving equipment such as, Oxygen, Airway management devices, Trauma management accessories and AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators).

The purpose of Hatzolah is to provide a lifesaving bridge during the few critical moments it takes the mandated EMS provider to arrive, by providing lifesaving intervention, preventing additional injury and/or further deterioration of the patient's health and well-being, stabilizing the patient, and providing comfort. Upon arrival of the local EMS resources, Hatzolah members will transfer patient care and stand ready to render any assistance that might be required.

Hatzolah also takes an active role in educating our community regarding fire safety, as well as safety in the home and on the road. Hatzolah offers training to the community in basic first-aid and C.P.R., led by American Heart Association certified instructors, as well as emergency preparedness and prevention classes led by L.A.F.D. instructors.

WHO IS HATZOLAH?

Hatzolah's volunteer corps consists of individuals who reside in and – in most cases – work within the community. Consequently, there are always Hatzolah members available seconds away from any potential medical emergency in the community. Members must have a proven track record of community service, responsibility, commitment, and dedication. Hatzolah is run on a strictly volunteer basis, with individuals giving of their time as a service to their community. No one is paid for any services they perform.

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WHERE IS HATZOLAH?

Our coverage area includes the following geographical area in the City of Los Angeles: Hancock Park, Beverly-La Brea, Park La Brea, Part of the Mid-Wilshire area & part of the Fairfax district, the Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, Part of Beverly Hills, and the Valley Village (North Hollywood).

Hatzolah requests \$5,000 as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to purchase vital medical and emergency response supplies to wit, six (6) BLS Treatment Kits.

Proposed Motion

SORONC hereby approves this Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Hatzolah of Los Angeles for the purchase of six (6) BLS Treatment Kits.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Arguments against:



Motion to approve a \$4500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Touch of Kindness

Agenda Item: GB031915-7
Date: March 19, 2015
Proposed By: Kevin Gres

Background

Touch of Kindness was founded in 1978. Its mission is to assist the Jewish needy of Los Angeles by providing a variety of family services with the utmost level of dignity and discretion. Our programs help those without work find jobs, start businesses & earn livelihoods. They provide clothing and furniture, assist with utilities & rent in emergency situations, help children obtain educations and direct those in need to the proper social service organizations.

There are many thousands of individuals in the greater Los Angeles area who live below the poverty line. Due to lack of sufficient funding, Touch of Kindness is only able to assist a small portion of these individuals.

Touch of Kindness is requesting \$4,500. This grant will apply to funding a full-time job developer for unemployed residents including those in South Robertson. Touch of Kindness, aside from helping families put food on the table, also strives to put families back on their feet, so they no longer need charity. Clients of Touch of Kindness, many of whom have families, do not lack marketable or professional skills, they just need help transitioning back into the workforce.

In the past, Touch of Kindness has primarily relied on informal job announcements in weekly newsletters, local papers, and word of mouth, but the number of jobs were simply not enough to meet the rising number of unemployed residents. In response to this crisis, Touch of Kindness hired a "very part-time" job developer. Unfortunately, even this very part-time position, is insufficient to meet the rising demands of unemployed residents. Touch of Kindness therefore seeks a grant that will be utilized specifically for job development.

Touch of Kindness believes that through strong job development, we can help people get back on their feet, live self-sufficiently, and regain their dignity.

This grant of \$4,500 will fund 15% of a six month contract for a full-time job developer. A generous community donor has pledged to match this grant, resulting in 30% of the total funding for this project (\$9,000). Touch of Kindness will pay from its general fund 35% of the contract (\$10,500), and we anticipate targeted fund raising to account for the remaining 35% (\$10,500). At the completion of the six month contract, the position will be re-evaluated, to see whether to continue funding this project or not. We believe the success of this project will justify further funds from the community and other granting agencies.

This grant will allow Touch of Kindness to develop jobs in our community by contacting and building relationships with local businesses and entrepreneurs for job openings and other opportunities. More employed people in our community will result in economic growth, stability, high morale and pride, and will reduce blight.

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Proposed Motion

SORONC hereby approves this Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$4,500 to Touch of Kindness, in order to help fund a full-time job developer.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Arguments against:
