



Date: October 17, 2023
To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Al Austin II, Eighth District
Subject: Fund Transfers to Support Nonprofit Community Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,500, offset by the Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide donation to the Care Closet to support their ongoing community support services; and,

Decrease appropriation in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$1,500, to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

BACKGROUND:

Care Closet LBC is a non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the homeless community in Long Beach, California. Founded in 2021, Care Closet LBC provides essential items such as sleeping bags, new shoes, clothing, and toiletries to those living on the streets or in shelters. The organization also offers employment opportunities to help people get back on their feet.

Care Closet LBC is committed to serving people where they are. The organization's outreach team regularly visits homeless encampments and shelters to distribute supplies and offer assistance. Care Closet LBC also partners with other local organizations to provide additional services, such as medical care, legal aid, and job training.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Analyst Joe R. Guerrero on October 9, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide contributions of \$1,500 to Care Closet to support their causes as written above. The appropriation increase of \$1,500 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department will be offset by a decrease of appropriation of the Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. The recommendation is anticipated to require a

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minimal level of staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is expected to have a minimal impact on existing City Council priorities.