



*Memorandum
City of Long Beach*

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Date: August 23, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Council

From: Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, First Council District

Subject: Funds Transfer to Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs in Support of Sowing Seeds of Change

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$2,000 offset by the First Council District One-Time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide a donation to Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs in support of Sowing Seeds of Change: and

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$2,000 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

DISCUSSION:

Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs is a 501(c)(3) organization that is a fiscal sponsor for the program Sowing Seeds of Change. Sowing Seeds of Change empowers change through agriculture and learning, with a primary objective of employing transition-age people with disabilities and foster youth ages 18-22 through a job-readiness program, the growth of organic produce, and hosting educational workshops for the local community.

Sowing Seeds of Change currently has an Urban Farm located in Council District One, where young adults with disabilities and transition age foster youth can learn practical gardening, farming, and life skills. Council District One has always had a lack of green space and activation at Sowing Seeds of Change's location, and it is very important to know that Sowing Seeds of Change is upgrading and beautifying the location, while simultaneously working to help our youth and our local community. Sowing Seeds of Change provides a significant benefit to the Long Beach community, and it is appropriate for the City Council to support Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs in support of Sowing Seeds of Change.

This matter was reviewed by Recovery Budget Officer Dee Okam on August 3, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide a contribution to Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs in support of Sowing Seeds of Change. The total appropriation increase of \$2,000 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department will be offset by a decrease of appropriation of First Council District One-time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. The requested action is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and expected to have minimal impact on existing City Council priorities.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY:

This urgent item is being submitted through supplemental agenda to allow for timely funds processing.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: *August 23, 2022*

To: Monique De La Garza, City Clerk

From: *Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, First District*

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of *August 23 ,2022*

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$2,000, offset by the First Council District One-time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide a donation to the Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs; and

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$2,000 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember
1	Mary Zendejas
2	Cindy Allen
7	Roberto Uranga

Attachment: Staff Report dated

CC: Office of the Mayor