



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/06/2021

ITEM NO: 13

DESK ITEM

DATE: April 6, 2021
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Provide Direction for the Following Potential Uses of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds Earmarked for Los Gatos and that any unprogrammed funds should be allocated to the Economic Recovery Fund account:

1. Utilize approximately \$3.2 million to replace lost revenue sufficient to balance the FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 budgets.
2. Utilize \$60,000 to provide additional \$15,000 grants to West Valley Community Services, Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY), Next Door Solutions, and Live Oak Senior Nutrition.
3. Utilize \$250,000 to provide additional support to the Parklet grant program.
4. Utilize \$180,000 to provide a 50% waiver of rent and utilities for the Town of Los Gatos lessees New Museum of Los Gatos (NUMU), Friends of the Library, Billy Jones Railroad, Soccer and Little Leagues, and Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education and Recreation (LGS Rec) for FY 2021/22.
5. Utilize \$50,000 for continued Conditional Use Permit 50% subsidies.
6. Other Council considerations consistent with eligible uses.

REMARKS:

Attachment 4 contains public comment received between 11:01 a.m. Monday, April 5, and 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Attachment received with the Staff Report:

1. Public Comments received before 11:01 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Attachment received with the Addendum:

2. Public Comments received before 11:01 a.m. Friday, April 2, 2021.

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Assistant Town Manager

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

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Attachment received with Addendum B:

3. Public Comments received between 11:01 a.m. Friday, April 2, and 11:01 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2021.

Attachment received with this Desk Item:

4. Public Comment received between 11:01 a.m. Monday, April 5, and 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Esteemed Council Members,

I am writing to you today to implore you to continue moving forward to help all our Los Gatos businesses survive the drastic closures and limited business openings during the enforced SIP since March 16, 2020. I will address the parklet program and the Grant monies proposed once again, especially in light of the Federal Assistance Funding the Town has already received and the second round of Federal Assistance Funds. We know the parklets directly benefit the restaurants, but at the same time they are increasing business for the retail stores. The Chamber of Commerce has taken a lot of time to talk with both restaurant and retail shops, and there is agreement that the parklets stimulate business for everyone.

I am a big believer and supporter of the parklets; I know more semi-permanent parklets will only enrich our Town's viability, survivability and ambience. The last motion approved by the Town only allows Grant money to those businesses that haven't built semi-permanent parklets and those that haven't provided for the correct ADA access to the temporary parklets. **This is incredibly wrong and unfair to those businesses that have spent upwards of \$90,000 for semi-permanent parklets, and the businesses that have spent money they really couldn't spare at the time to be sure their temporary parklet complied to ADA access standards.**

The Council should allow all businesses and property owners access the same amount of funds thru the Grant process for the parklets, regardless of their status as semi-permanent or ADA compliant. Those monies for the permanent parklets already completed can be used to insure the construction of a safe canopy for inclement weather that is fire rated to allow for the placement of propane heaters. The money given should be equal for all, those that paved the way for the semi-permanent parklets and those that made sure their temporary parklet was ADA compliant.

In addition the monies for the parklet grants should be increased significantly and retroactively with the federal funds the town has received along with the monies the town has already authorized for recovery. Program grants need to increase to a minimum of \$30k+ per business if not complete funding with no limitation for past and future parklets. The Town has the remaining ~\$1.5MM that was reallocated from the streetscape fund for COVID recovery efforts. The Town also received \$388k in Federal assistance funding. In addition the Town is about to receive a significant federal stimulus payment, in the several millions of dollars, from the new \$1.9T federal aid package.

I appeal to you once again to increase the parklet grant monies for the semi-permanent parklets, the ADA monies for the temporary parklets and make them available to all businesses and property owners.

Thank you,
Sue Farwell