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Study Session
Item #2 Report on
Homelessness

Presentations

Report on Homelessness

City Council Study Session
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Homelessness Work Program Item Objectives:

1. Conduct audit of services
2. Confirm homelessness estimates
3. Explore solutions for students



1. Audit of Services

- City Housing & Human Services Grant
- County Office of Supportive Housing
- Community Plan to End Homelessness
- West Valley Community Services
- Dignity on Wheels
- Rotating Safe Car Park

2. Estimates of Homelessness

2019 County Point-in-Time Census

JURISDICTION	UNSHELTERED		SHELTERED		TOTAL		'17-'19 % CHANGE
	2017	2019	2017	2019	2017	2019	
City of Cupertino	127	159	0	0	127	159	25%
Total	5,448	7,922	1,946	1,784	7,394	9,706	31%

- County: 9,706 homeless individuals
- Cupertino: 159 homeless individuals



3. Solutions for Homeless Students

- Example Initiatives:
 - UC Berkeley Home Match Program
 - Homeless Student Parking (AB 302)



Additional Strategies & Resources

- State Legislation:
 - SB 744
- Private Partnerships:
 - Google, Facebook, Apple donations
- Local Initiatives:
 - SAFE Navigation Centers
 - Tiny Houses



Housing Commission Recommendations

- Explore “Home Match” program
- Address lack of hygiene services
- Coordinate with Via Shuttle program
- Increase funding for homeless programs



Next Steps

- Presentations from the County, WVCS, & De Anza College
- City Council can provide direction on strategies and resources to assist the homeless

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SCC Supportive Housing System

CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION- JANUARY 21, 2020

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING



Supportive Housing System Map

Homelessness Prevention



- Helps individuals and families who are about to lose their housing to remain housed where they are or move to new permanent housing
- Acts as an access point to the Coordinated Assessment System

Affordable Housing Development



Construction of new affordable housing provides a path to long-term housing stability for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and helps avoid future occurrences of homelessness caused by extreme housing costs.

Outreach



- Engages with people experiencing homelessness on the street, in parks and other public spaces, and in vehicles
- Acts as an access point for the Coordinated Assessment System and for emergency shelter
- Locates people in the Coordinated Assessment System who have been referred to a housing program

Coordinated Assessment System



- Acts as a front door to the community's housing resources
- Matches people experiencing homelessness to the community's transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing programs

Emergency Shelter



- Provides a safe place to sleep for people experiencing homelessness
- Provides meals, showers, other basic needs, and connections to other community resources
- Acts as an access point to the Coordinated Assessment System

Permanent Supportive Housing



Helps individuals and families with disabilities maintain permanent housing through long-term rental subsidies, connections to medical and behavioral health care, and other services.

Transitional Housing



Provides temporary housing and site-based services for people experiencing homelessness, a program model most effective for specific subpopulations, such as:

- Youth, especially Parenting Youth
- Veterans
- Homeless individuals and families enrolled in a permanent housing program and searching for apartments

Rapid Rehousing



- Provides supportive services and financial assistance to people experiencing homelessness
- Helps individuals and families obtain permanent housing and increase income so that they can remain housed independently.

Supportive Housing System Progress Since 2015

8,396 homeless households permanently housed including 1,568 veterans¹

Increased PSH capacity by **72%** and RRH capacity by **114%**

Increased temporary shelter capacity by **126%**

Passed 2016 Measure A, implementation is ahead of schedule

1,624 service-enriched apartments built or underway²

Established a new homelessness prevention system and **increased homelessness prevention capacity by 340%**

1: Through September 30, 2019.

2: Through October 31, 2019

Measure A Progress



YEAR 2 IMPLEMENTATION

\$249,780,000

IN MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT APPROVED

6 CITIES

1,612 NEW
APARTMENTS

484 UNITS RENOVATED

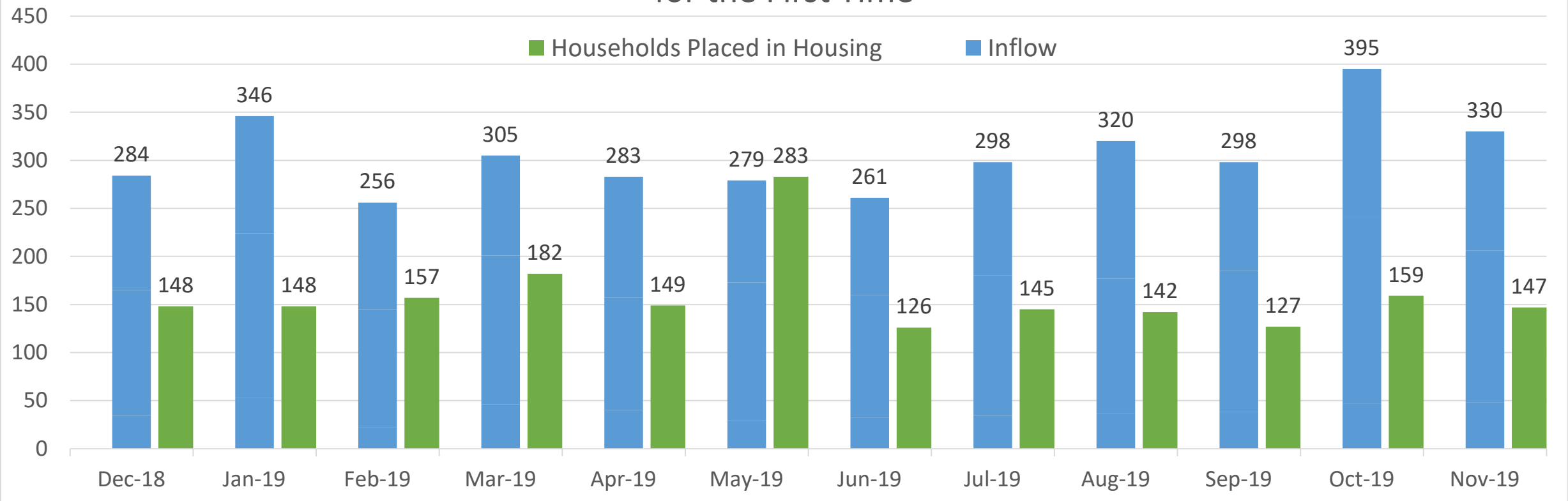
21 HOUSING
DEVELOPMENTS

\$25 MILLION

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM

The Challenge - More People are Slipping into Homelessness

Number of Households Placed in Housing and Households Requesting Assistance for the First Time



Community Plan To End Homelessness 2020

THE FRAMEWORK: THREE PILLARS



Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need

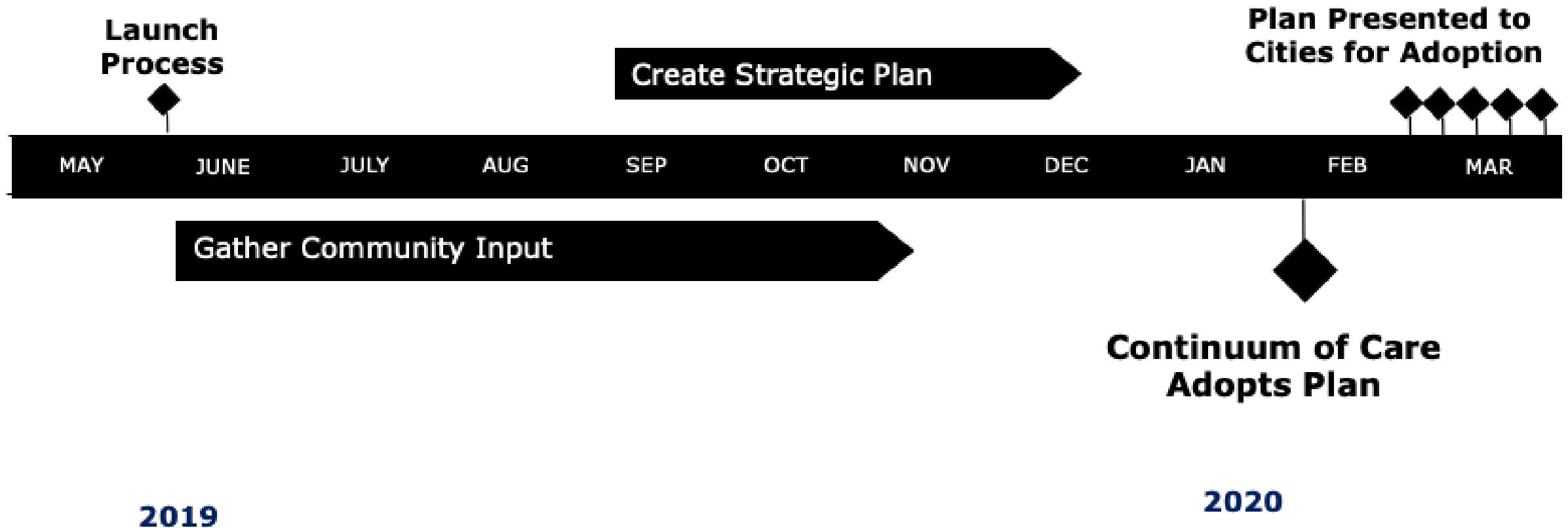


Address the root causes of homelessness through system and policy change



Improve quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all

Community Planning Process and Timeline



Questions

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Haven to Home



Highlights from the Point In Time Survey 2019

9,706 homeless in Santa Clara County. Seven cities showed an increase in their count- Cupertino saw a 25% increase.

More than 1/3 of survey respondents indicated they were experiencing homelessness for the first time, and 67% had been homeless for a year or longer.

The number of people living unsheltered in vehicles increased nearly threefold from 591 in 2017 to 1,747 in this count.

81% were residing in Santa Clara County

70% respondent said they received supportive services and benefit assistance

73% accessed meal services

36% received bus passes

25% accessed drop in services

FY 1819

- 87 new households served
- 141 individuals received laundry assistance in the amount of \$3,700
- 134 clients accessed the food pantry (Cupertino and RV locations)
- 17 homeless individuals were housed

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- 38 new households served
- 103 individuals received laundry assistance in the amount of \$3,500
- 104 clients accessing the food pantry
- Currently 10 high risk homeless individuals and families are enrolled in Rapid Re-housing, and 7 are housed

What is different in the last 5 years with regard to supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness?

Community Queue- A centralized system for intake and assessment. This system helps to give clients a score on the VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index) and refers clients to housing options- Permanent Supportive, Permanent Housing and Rapid Rehousing.

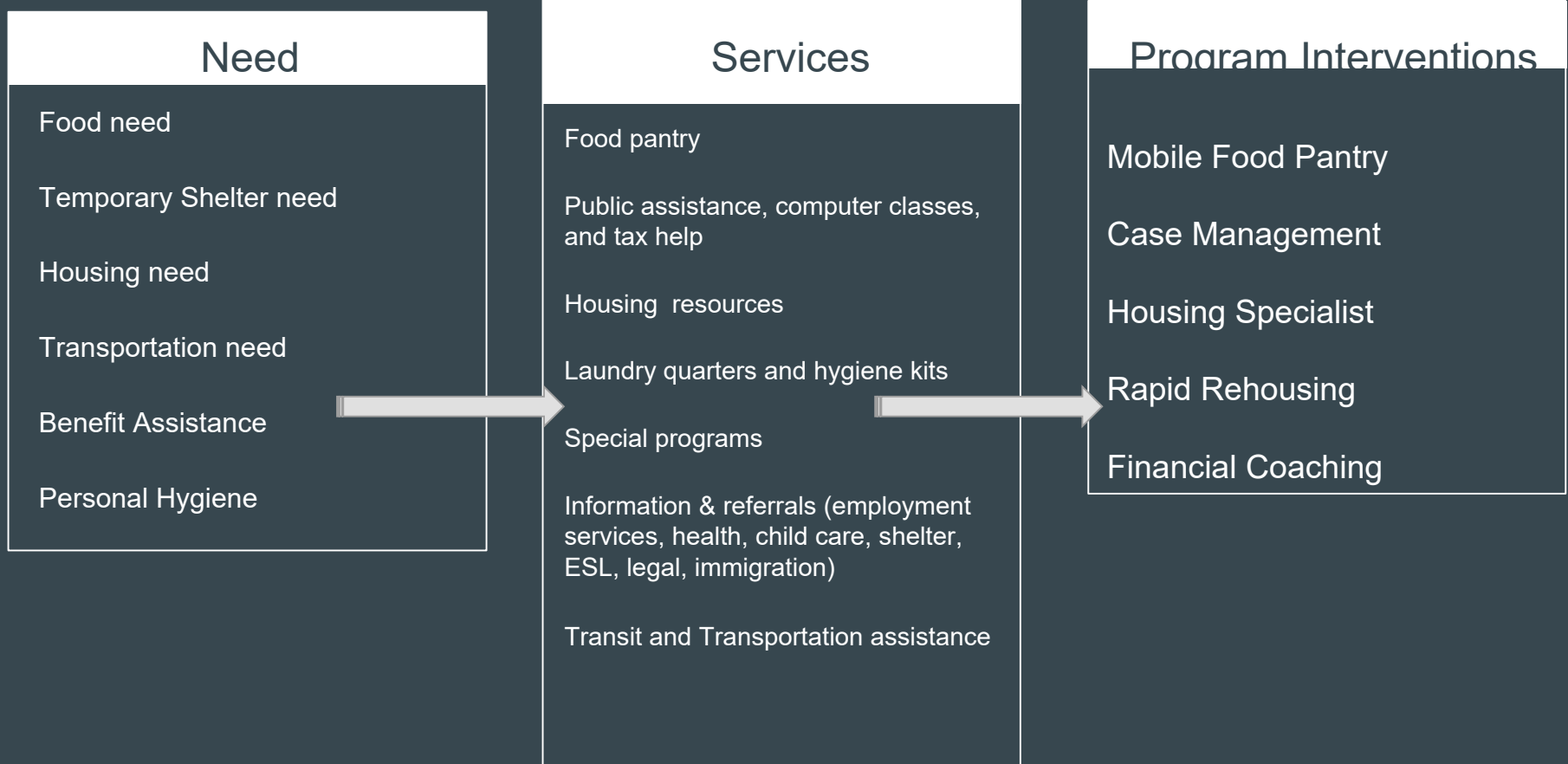
Motel assistance for families with children, motel leasing and shared housing

Year-round shelter instead of the cold weather shelter

Safe Parking Rotating Safe Parking Program in the west valley



Programs and Services



Continuum Of Care

Short-term intervention

- Helping navigate social services system and providing one stop assistance
- Safe Parking
- Food Pantry
- Shelter Referral and Safe Parking Referral



Maintenance

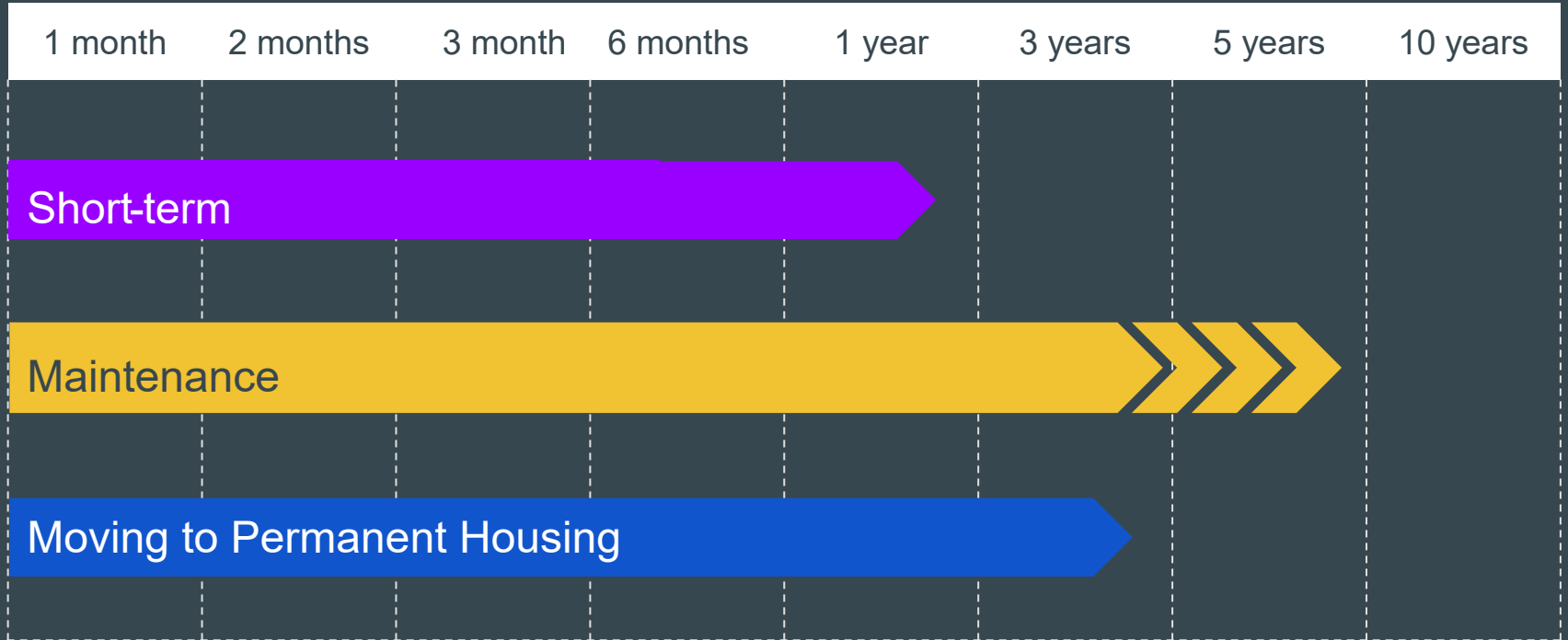
- Increasing income and employment opportunities
- Keeping kids in school
- Improving health outcomes
- Laundry and personal hygiene support



Moving to Permanent Housing

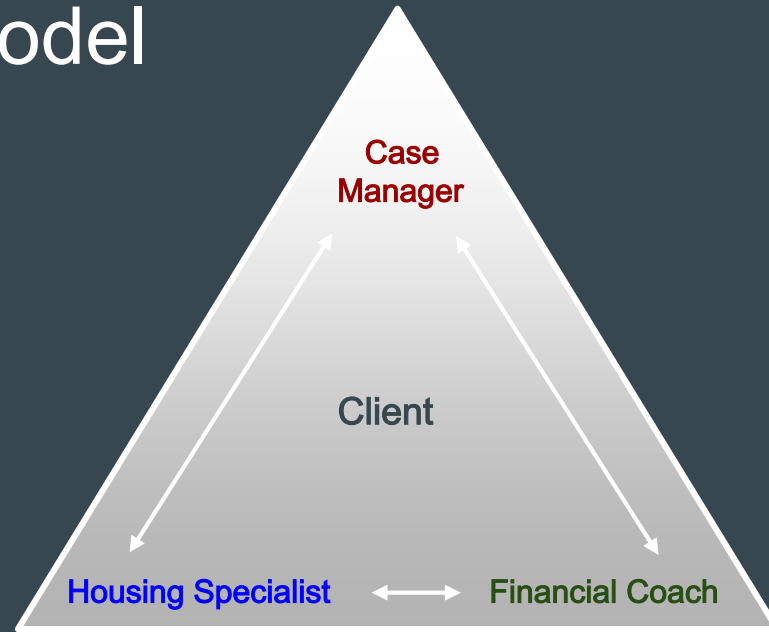
- Landlord engagement
- Housing Specialist support
- Deposit and move-in cost assistance

Intervention time



Case Management Model

Case management is a triad model



In order to develop case plans and match clients with services, the case managers work to assess a client's needs by using a self-sufficiency matrix. Based on this assessment and the families' Self-Sufficiency Matrix (SSM) score, the case manager will develop a case plan with goals to address critical needs and improve self-sufficiency. The case manager will make the referral to the housing specialist and financial coach based on the clients SSM score in housing, income, credit score and/or debt. The case manager follows up with other interventions and updates the case plan as needed.

Gaps in service deliveries in Cupertino and surrounding area

- ❖ No mobile laundry and shower facilities Clients are using WVCS and library restroom facilities as “shower”
- ❖ No drop in or day shelter services Clients are using WVCS and the library as day shelters
- ❖ No easy transit route to Sunnyvale Shelter
- ❖ Lack of safe park partners in Cupertino
- ❖ Lack of shared housing options
- ❖ Lack of a strong service providers network in Cupertino
- ❖ Lack of affordable housing or landlords willing to take vouchers or subsidy



Student Housing Insecurity and Homelessness

Rob Mieso, Vice President, Student Services

January 21, 2020

Student Housing Challenges

- **More than half (54%)** were housing insecure in the previous year
- **One in six (16%)** were homeless at some point in the previous year

Source: #RealCollege Survey administered fall 2018
(responses from 2,211 students)



Housing Insecurity Criteria

- Struggled with **rent or mortgage increase**
- Unable to pay **full rent** or **utilities**
- **Moved in with others** due to financial problems
- Lived with others **beyond the normal capacity** of a housing unit
- **Moved three or more times**



Available Housing Resources

- **Safe overnight parking** through the Winter Faith Collaborative
- **Housing services and resources** through West Valley Community Services
- **Housing assistance and referrals** through a new on-campus partnership with the Bill Wilson Center, with a center staff member available at the college weekly
- **Exploring house sharing** opportunities and partnerships
- Routine housing and roommate searches – list of tips and websites maintained by the Office of College Life



Home → Food, Housing and Transportation Resources

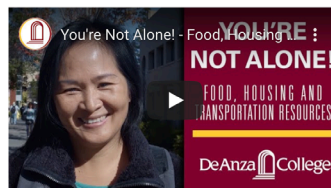
Food, Housing and Transportation Resources

Here's Where to Find Help

Are you struggling to secure the daily essentials of [food](#), [housing](#) or [transportation](#)?

Here's where to find resources and referrals.

And remember: You're [not alone](#).



Scroll down to learn more about these services.

Food Assistance

Students in need can obtain **free food** supplies from the [Food Pantry](#) program operated by the Office of Outreach in **RSS 127** (Room 127 of the Registration & Student Services building, down the hall from the Bookstore).

Food Pantry Hours

- **Food Pantry** is open five days a week in RSS 127
 - **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - **Wednesdays:** 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
 - **Fridays:** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- **Mobile Farmers' Market:** every Thursday in Main Quad, 2-3 p.m.
- **Mobile Food Pantry:** second and fourth Tuesday each month in Parking Lot C, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

[Learn more](#) ▶

New Items Available at the Food Pantry!

[CAMPUS SERVICES ▶](#)

[STUDENT TOOLKIT ▶](#)

Help With College Costs

- [How to Get Financial Aid](#)
- [De Anza College Promise](#)
- [Scholarships, Grants and Loans](#)
- [Stretch Your Book Dollars](#) (free and low-cost books)

More Campus Resources

- [Academic Counseling](#)
- [Health Services](#)
- [Learning Communities](#)
- [LGBTQI+ Resources](#)
- [Psychological Services](#)

Support Our Students

- Want to help? Visit the Foothill-De Anza Foundation's [donation webpage](#) to give online.
- Designate your gift for De Anza and type "Basic Needs" in the field marked "Other"

Community Collaboration



Thank you for your **care** for the students of De Anza College, including those who are experiencing **housing insecurity** or who are **homeless**.

In serving our students, the college hopes to have the **support** of Cupertino City Council through **increasing opportunities** for housing.







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Item #1 ROBO
Champs

Presentations

FLL - Lehigh Permanente Quarry

By Sanshray, Ahan, Aditya,
Shreyan, and Arnav





Our Goal

First Lego League and the Project

The Problem

*Selenium
Contamination*



The Solution

The Seabin and Bed Biofilm Reactor

- Seabin
 - Filters out waste filter
- Bed Biofilm
 - Absorbs selenium
 - Going to be sent to solar panel manufacturers
- PE4710 pipe
 - Transport solid waste to Bed Biofilm
- Selenium
 - Will be used in solar panels
 - Is more efficient in solar panels than crystalline silicon

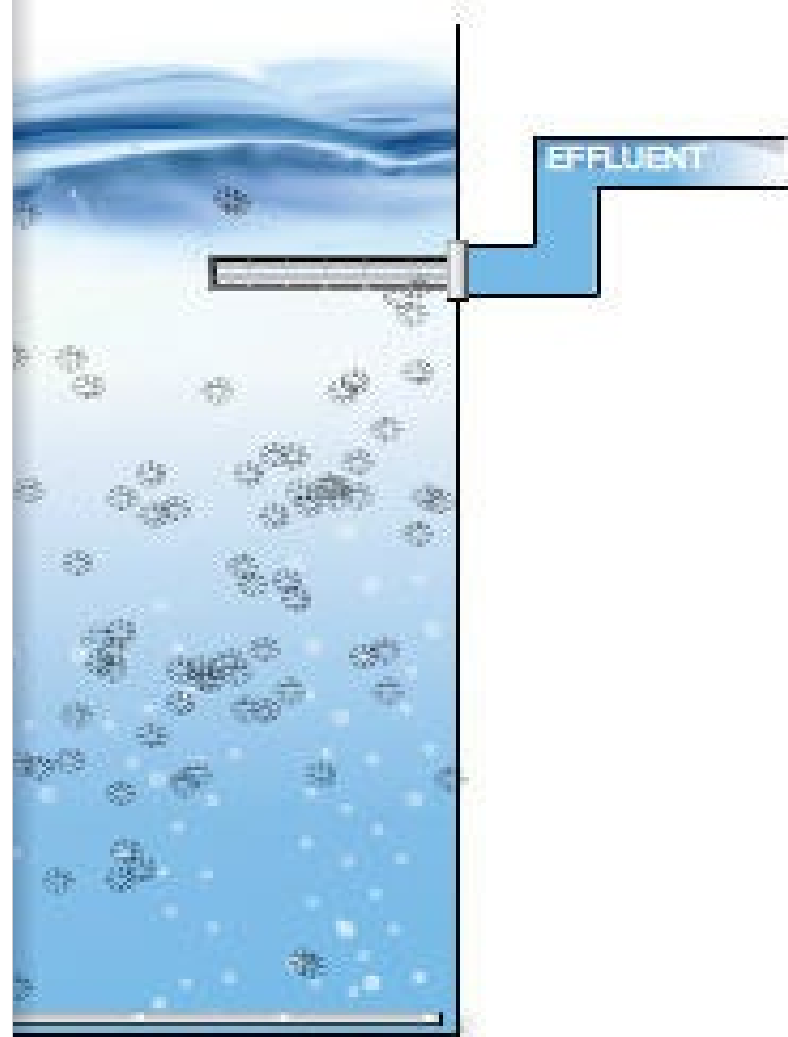
The Seabin

- Two Australian Surfers made it
- Removes solid materials from water
- Used at Marina Dock
- Oil- Water Feature
- Connect to the Bed Biofilm Reactor with pipes



The Bed Biofilm Reactor

- Made by Odegard Hallvard
- 700 wastewater treatments in 50 countries
- layer with Biofilm
- Sensor for Biofilm level
- Selenium manually removed
- Transported to Solar Panel Manufacturer



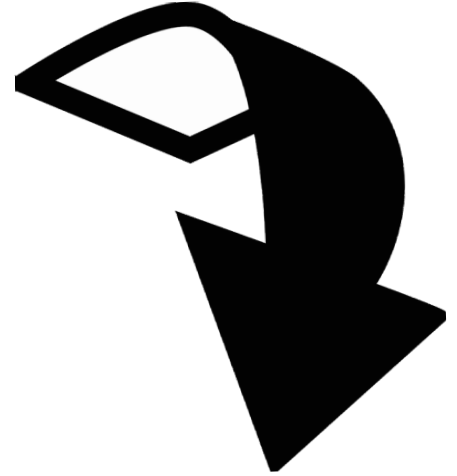


Seabin

PE4710



**Bed Biofilm
Reactor**



Solar Panels

Time and Process

\$5,500 - \$6,000

Per Biobin



9 - 12 Years

To filter out all selenium currently in quarry



15 Gallons/Hour

Filtered out of Quarry



Pipes

- Mr.Lance said PE4710 pipes are the best
- They can bend
- Cost effective
- Water proof
- Do not absorb Selenium



Conclusion

- Selenium can be reused and recycle
- Solution can be implemented in 2 ways
 - Can save living organisms
 - Selenium can be harvested and used for electricity
- Can be used in countries facing similar problems



Thank You!

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Item #2 CalTutors

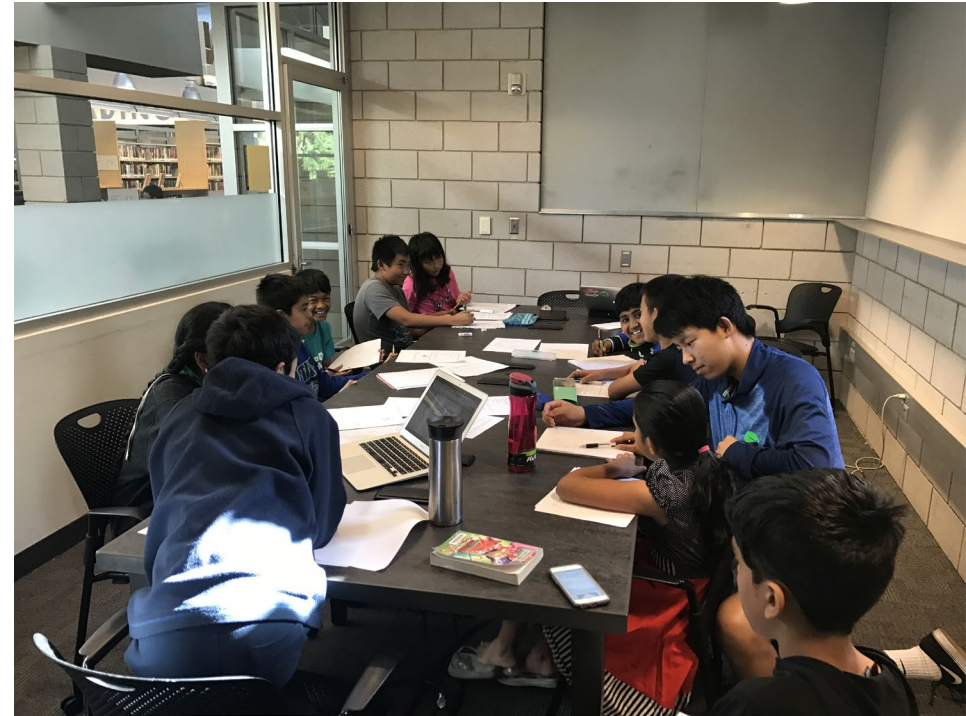
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CalTutors

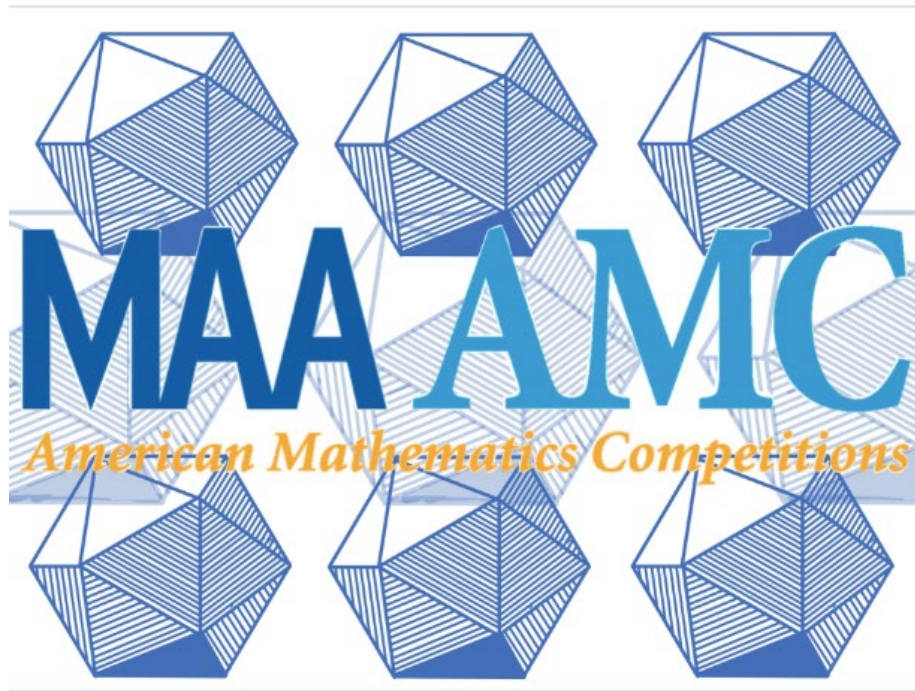
INSPIRING YOUNG STUDENTS THROUGH FREE STEM TRAINING

Who We Are

- CalTutors is a student-led organization that serves to educate students of all ages free of charge.
- Prepare students for various STEM competitions such as AMC and USACO.
- Tailored curriculum.
- Weekly training sessions in local libraries.
- Free 1-on-1 tutoring for students.
- Online database for practice problems.

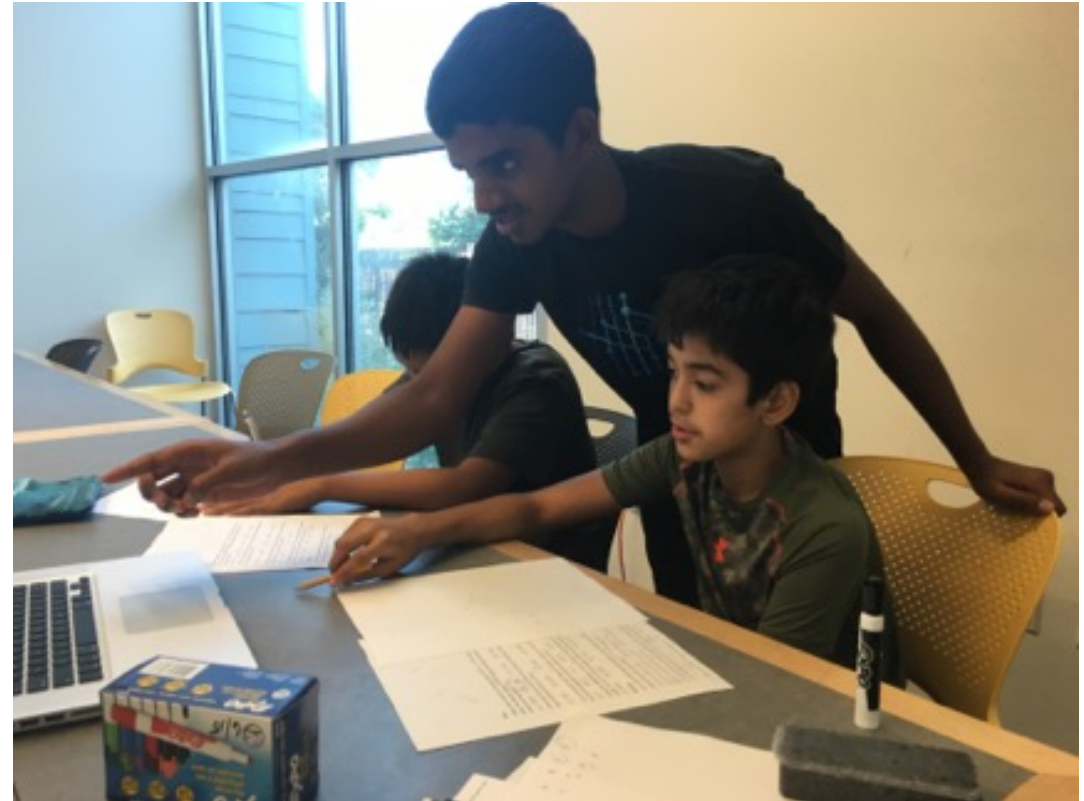


National Competitions



Statistics

- 200+ students
- 4+ years (founded in 2016)
- Student to teacher ratio: 3 to 1
- 3+ libraries



Testimony From Students And Librarian

“CalTutors has helped me understand the problems better and showed me quicker ways to solve them.” – **Rachael**

“CalTutors makes problems easier to solve by breaking them down into smaller steps that we can easily follow.” – **Saanvi**

"One of the things that has impressed me most about CalTutors has been their mission to provide free tutoring to underserved kids and teens. They recognize that a lot of students struggle ... but can't afford private tutoring. CalTutors provides the help those students need." – **Local Librarian Randall Studstill**

Thank you!

Please visit www.caltutors.org for more details.

Email: contact.caltutors@gmail.com

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Item #13

Abatement of
Public Nuisance

Presentations



SANTA CLARA COUNTY WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM HAZARDOUS VEGETATION



A Fire Safety Program
Ensuring the Minimum Fire Safety Standards
Are Met and Maintained During the Fire Season.

ADD PROCESS

- Properties are added to the Program Two Ways
 - Inspector Finds Parcel
 - Reported by:
 - Public (Investigate Concern)
 - City Official

APN: 375-16-004, 10408 MENHART



NOTICE PROCESS

- Add Notice is Sent to Owner, after the concern has been identified.
- Commencement Notice Packet: Return Reply Form, Agency Director Letter, Brochure & the NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS; the only notice required by law.
(CA H&S Code: 14975-14931)
 - December Mailout of the Notice info for Commencement Hearing.
 - January Hearing to Contest Inclusion.
 - Deadline for Abatement is April 30th
- Assessment Notice & Hearing
 - Second Opportunity to Contest

CURRENT STATUS OF PARCEL



REMOVAL PROCESS

- Mitigate the fire safety concern. Two Ways to be removed from monitoring list.
 - Three (3) Consecutive Years of Voluntary Compliance.

– OR –

- Building / Landscaping area of concern so that reoccurring issues are mitigated.

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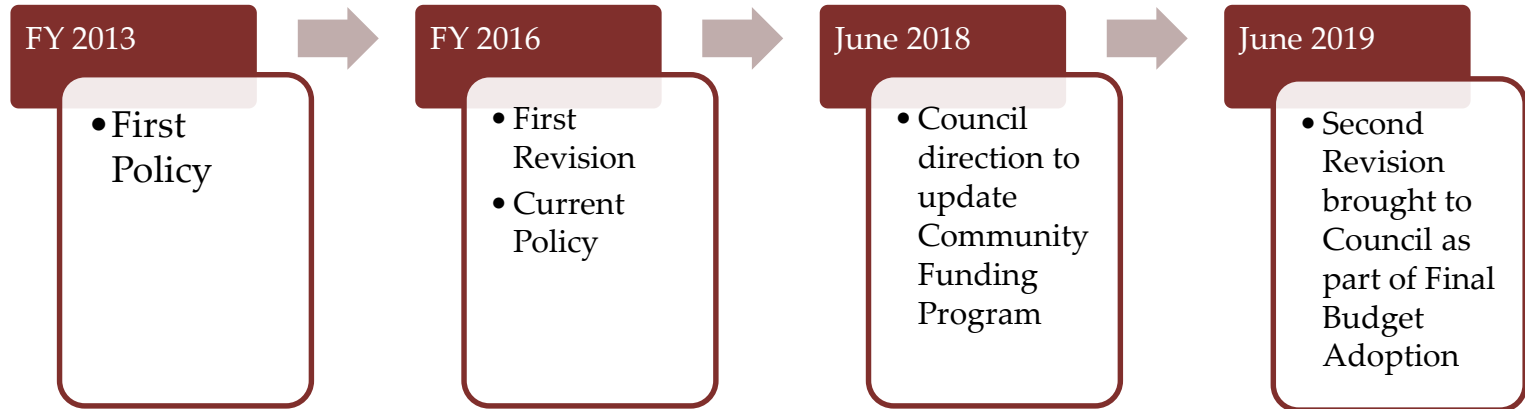
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Community Funding
Presentations

Updated Community Funding Policy

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Community Funding Policy Revisions



Current Policy

- Services Provided, Purpose of Funds, Alignment with City Priorities, Benefits to Cupertino
- One-Time Projects Only
- Experienced Staff to Manage Project
- More than 75% Direct Service Costs
- Final Funding Decisions by Council
- No Applications After 3/1
- Non-Profits Notified of Process in Advance
- Identify Funding Requests to Other Agencies
- Applications Reviewed by Admin Services for Minimum Qualifications
- State How Prior Year Funds Were Used

Updated Policy

- **\$20,000 Funding Cap Per Applicant**
- Applications to Establish Partnerships With Other Organizations
- **Establish 2 Funding Categories**
- **Establish a 4-tiered Funding Structure**
- Acknowledge City in Formal Promotional Products
- Direct Council Requests Must Be Forwarded to Admin Services
- Event Attendance Should Be At No-Cost*
- **Required to Submit Report on Actual Expenses**
- **If Requested, Recipients Must Provide Full Financial Statements for the Organization**
- One Application for Multiple Requests From Same Applicant

Next Steps

- Grant Applications Available February 1st
- Grant Applications Due By March 1st

Recommendation

- Adopt Updated Community Funding Policy and Approve Community Funding Grant Cap of \$20,000 Per Applicant Per Year.

Questions

