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San Joaquin County Awards Over \$5 Million to Local Non-County/Non-Profit Organizations

Stockton, CA – The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved over \$5 million dollars in funding to 63 community-based/nonprofit organizations during its June 4, 2024 meeting. After a competitive grant process, funding opportunities were made available to tax-exempt, nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations that provide a wide variety of services to San Joaquin County residents. These services could include health and human services, youth enrichment, Veterans, animal welfare, environmental action, assistance for unhoused residents, and other essential community support that are aligned with the Board of Supervisors' strategic priorities.

"We are excited to once again be able to offer this funding to community organizations who provide vital services to San Joaquin County residents," said Miguel Villapudua, Chair of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. "Since this program began, we have grown from \$200,000 in funding to over \$5 million. And while future budget constraints may prevent us from continued growth, the Board is so pleased to be able to help advance these amazing organizations and the tremendous enrichment they provide to the community, especially those smaller organizations that might not be able to compete for larger funding opportunities."

Every year, San Joaquin County awards one-time funding to community based organizations, or non-County/non-profit organizations, which enhances the organizations' services or further assists the completion of special projects/initiatives within their communities. Funding is not intended to support the organization's operating expenses, but is designed to be additional by nature, allowing the organization to expand services to the San Joaquin County community while focusing on one or more of the Board of Supervisors' strategic priorities which includes: Organizational Capacity/Technology Utilization; Fiscal Optimization; Public Safety/Criminal Justice/Quality of Life; Homelessness; Water Management; and Economic Development. Award amounts vary depending on the request and the state of the County's budget.

Family Promise of San Joaquin County was a first time awardee. The organization's Executive Director, Jory Gwasdoff, stated: "Family Promise of San Joaquin County is a lifeline for so many families with children experiencing homelessness. Volunteers across the County are truly the heartbeat that makes our program possible. This funding is pivotal in helping us provide reliable transportation for the families in our program between our resource center and shelter locations across the county. We appreciate the County's dedication in supporting a true community effort in supporting families with children experiencing homelessness."

The Board of Supervisors will finalize the funding during their meeting on June 18, 2024 and the County will contract with selected organizations and begin distributing the funds as soon as August 2024. To review a list of recipients, click here.

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