



Office of the City Manager

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Rosy Vasquez, Executive Director
Community Through Hope
465 C Street
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Ms. Vasquez:

This letter is in response to Community Through Hope's (CTH) request for additional funding in response to the increased demand for services due to the COVID-19 crisis.

We commend and will continue to support CTH in providing much needed and valuable resources during this very challenging time and difficult circumstances. We are aware that some food distributions sites have closed but fortunately there are still a number of sites and organizations providing services to our community. Please see attached list of distribution sites operating in the City of Chula Vista. All of these organizations are experiencing increased demand for services during these very difficult times. In order to ensure a coordinated response with all of our service providers, the City is in the process of working directly with the San Diego Food Bank. Also, the Police Department continues to provide traffic control assistance to any food distribution sites as requested.

The City has been notified by South Bay Community Services (SBCS) that they have increased capacity to address shelter needs as well as increased food distribution. They have not had to turn anyone away and are ready to deal with increased demands. For individuals or families requesting assistance that exceeds your capacity, please contact SBCS at 619-420-3620 or refer them to SBCS distribution sites which are included in the attachment. Working in a coordinated manner will ensure that our community needs are being met.

Also, we have been advised by the U.S. Department of Housing Development, as well as the State Legislators that a number of funding opportunities are headed to local jurisdictions with the purpose of providing much needed resources. City staff is carefully monitoring new legislation to ensure that we pursue any new funding opportunities and guarantee that our community obtains its fair share of funding. Please be assured that as these new funding opportunities arise, staff will notify CTH.

In addition to State and Federal, there are other local funding opportunities. The San Diego Foundation has established the [San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund](#), which has raised \$5.7 million to date. The San Diego COVID-19 Community Response Fund will provide resources to nonprofit organizations, such as CTH, working with communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The funding will focus on four critical areas:

- Food security
- Rental and utility assistance
- Income replacement or gap funding
- No-interest loans for nonprofit organizations

Interested non-profits may contact the San Diego Foundation at communityimpact@sdfoundation.org to inform them of the services being offered and their need for resources.

Again, we thank you for your service and commitment to our community. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Gary Halbert
City Manager