

Memo

To: Board Members
From: Amy Abrams
Date: August 13, 2025
Subject: Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee Minutes – **August 12, 2025**

The Committee met on Wednesday, August 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. for a special meeting. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or in-person at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, located at 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, California. In some cases, discussion of items may have taken place out of sequence during the meeting.

Attendees: Director Nadia Farjood, Member
Aaron Byzak, Interim Chief Executive Officer (via Zoom)
Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer
Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Director Farjood at 5:02 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as posted.
- C. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- D. Guest Presentations:** There were none.

E. Reports/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. FY25-26 Monthly Grant and Sponsorship Tracking Report

Director Farjood stated there is currently \$3.8 million in total available for grants, \$70,000 total available for Sharp Grossmont Hospital support, and \$200,000 total available for sponsorships.

2. Staff Rubric Scoring Review

Director Farjood reviewed the scoring rubric from staff that was written out longitudinally to show the actual items of the scoring criteria instead of the composite score itself.

3. Grants

Recommended for Funding: The Committee reviewed and discussed the following request and recommends to the Board the amount indicated, based on the program's assistance in addressed the unmet needs of District residents, including an identified prioritized health need, a direct patient care benefit, and/or a strong healthcare nexus. (Prior year's funding by the District is shown in parentheses.)

a) Grant Requests* (totaling \$300,000)

- **Grossmont Union High School District: Health Career Pathway Initiative - \$300,000 (FY24-25 \$227,500) **Committee Recommendation: \$300,000**

b) FY24-25 Monthly Grantee Reporting Index (For Information Only)

After feedback from the community about standard practices and grant making today, the quarterly reporting which is burdensome, will be replaced by annual reporting.

4. Sponsorships

Recommended for Funding: The Committee reviewed and discussed the following requests and recommends to the Board the amounts indicated. (Prior year's funding by the District is shown in parentheses.)

a) Sponsorship Requests* (totaling \$82,500)

- George G. Glenner Alzheimer's Family Centers, Inc.: "Celebrating Scott Targe – A Decade of Leadership Excellence" - \$10,000 (No prior funding) (Event date 11/22/25) **Committee Recommendation: \$2,500**
- **Sharp Grossmont Hospital: "American Heart Association Heart & Stroke Walk" - \$7,500 (FY24-25 \$7,500) (Event date 9/20/25) **Committee Recommendation: \$7,500**
- San Diego Rescue Mission, Inc.: "Christmas Jubilee Jam" - \$20,000 (FY24025 grant \$25,000; no prior sponsorships) (Event date 12/6/25) **Committee Recommendation: \$20,000**
- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc.: "Walk to End Alzheimer's" - \$15,000 (FY24-25 \$15,000) (Event date 10/4/25) **Committee Recommendation: \$5,000**

- Foundation for Developmental Disabilities: “Season for Sharing” - \$5,000 (No prior funding) (Event date 11/6/25) **Committee Recommendation: \$5,000**
- Voices for Children: “Starry Starry Night” - \$10,000 (FY24-25 \$10,000) (Event date 10/4/25) **Committee Recommendation: \$10,000**
- Saddles in Service: “5th Annual Love for Heroes Gala” - \$5,000 (FY24-25 \$5,000) (Event date 11/1/25) **Committee Recommendation: \$5,000**
- **San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce: “ECCOC Member Sponsor Package” - \$10,000 (FY24-25 \$7,500) (Event dates 9/27/25 and TBD) **Committee Recommendation: \$10,000**

The Committee discussed implementing a new process for sponsorship approvals through the management team.

Interim CEO Byzak to follow up with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the ability to nominate award recipients.

5. Scholarships

- a) FY23-24 High School Healthcare Scholarship Awardee Briance Yanez Payment Consideration

The Committee discussed a high school healthcare scholarship awardee who did not meet the GPA requirement in her first semester. CCHO Abrams shared feedback from the student’s counselor who spoke highly of the student, but highlighted the difficulties rural students face when transitioning to college. They reviewed the scholarship policy and determined that students have until their second semester to meet the 2.5 GPA requirement. The Committee agreed to be more inclusive and offer Ms. Yanez another chance to earn the scholarship by maintaining a 2.5 GPA in her second semester, provided she has not already completed it. If she has already finished her second semester without meeting the requirement, the scholarship cannot be awarded, per the current policy. The staff will reach out to her and inform her that if she maintains a 2.5 GPA with the required 9 units in her second semester, she will be eligible for the scholarship.

The Committee to consider amending the GPA requirement for future scholarship applicants.

b) FY25-26 Draft Scholarship Policy

CCHO Abrams explained these items will be discussed at a future Committee meeting, as the policies are still under revision.

i. High School

(a) FY25-26 Scholarship Disbursement Schedule

(b) FY25-26 High School Healthcare Scholarship Potential Additional Schools

ii. Post-Secondary

(a) FY25-26 Proposed Scholarship Rubrics

(b) FY25-26 Proposed Essay Prompts

F. General Information/Communications

G. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting is on the calendar for Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

H. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.