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<p>Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County</p>	<p>South County Youth Programs & Services</p>	<p>BGCMC Community Services provides residents of Gonzales Alta and Tower apartments, as well as Camphora (Salinas Valley unincorporated) residents with summer and after school programming, back to school supplies, and essential items. The project supports families as we approach the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic and aim to support youth with summer and after school programming. Locations include onsite at Camphora and working with residential communities in Gonzales in outside settings, until schools and other facilities resume operation.</p>	<p>The residents of Camphora Apartments (Unincorporated Salinas Valley), Alta and Tower Apartments (Gonzales) are predominantly Latino heritage. Residents are extremely low to moderate income, as indicated by the high percentage of youth eligible for free or reduced lunch. The project provides hundreds of youth and their families with youth programs and services, such as outreach kits and back to school supplies.</p>
<p>Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Monterey County</p>	<p>Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Monterey County Program</p>	<p>CASA of Monterey County requests public service funds to support its court-appointed advocacy program for children and youth placed in foster care due to abuse and neglect. Funds will support the anticipated increase of children entering the child welfare systems due to the impacts of COVID19 by recruiting, training and supporting community volunteers who become court-appointed advocates assigned to work with a child referred by the court. Two additional Advocate Supervisors are needed to meet this demand of new cases.</p>	<p>CASA of Monterey County provides frontline service to Monterey County children and youth between the ages of birth to 21 years, and who have been placed in foster care due to severe abuse, neglect and abandonment. Foster youth ages 18 to 21 years are also known as non-minor dependents and by law may remain in foster care with continued benefits if eligibilities are being met. Children/youth are placed in temporary foster care, until they can secure a permanent, safe home environment. Children in foster care move from placement to placement with little or no preparation in advance. Children/youth are removed from their homes throughout Monterey County and are placed throughout the county. If a foster home is not available to meet their needs within Monterey County, they may be placed out of county, while still receiving Monterey County services as a Monterey County dependent. Monterey County (est. population of over 435,000) is a 3,771 square miles in size; it is the 16th largest county in California, with a geographically dispersed and demographically diverse population. The City of Salinas is the countys seat, and the leading industries are agricultural and hospitality-based. The predominately rural economy is comprised of a large population of transient, seasonal and low-income individuals and families, and access to permanent, affordable housing is an ongoing problem. Of the Countys children under the age of 18, 19% live at or below the poverty line, while 60% of children ages 5-17 speak Spanish in their home. Typically 300-400 children enter the Monterey County dependency system annually. In 2020, CASA served 199 children/youth. As a result of their trauma, foster children often possess emotional, mental or developmental disabilities, both diagnosed and undiagnosed. A study conducted by Harvard Medical School, University of Michigan, and the Casey Family Program found that foster children experience PTSD at a rate double that of war veterans. Foster children experience significant emotional distress related to family loss and separation, similar to the grief after death of a close family member. Foster children will face more challenges as they transition into adulthood, compared to their peers who did not live in foster care. Foster care can have negative impacts and according to the California CASA Association, for foster youth who 'age out': 50% will be unemployed by age 24; 40% will experience homelessness within 1.5 years of exiting the system; 50% will graduate high school, and of that, only 3% will graduate from a 4-year college; nearly 40% will receive public assistance by 21; and 25% will enter the criminal justice system. Children/youth and served by CASA will benefit from having a court-appointed advocate to protect their rights, provide a voice among the child's stakeholders, and will be a consistent adult who's goal is to secure a permanent, safe home for the child.</p>

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Legal Services for Seniors	Legal Services for Seniors	<p>LSS is proposing to provide direct legal services to 300 low-income seniors in Unincorporated Monterey County and the Cities of Gonzales, Greenfield and Sand City and provide 4 workshops in those locations educating seniors, their families and caregivers, and the general public on issues related to housing security.</p>	<p>LSS provides legal services seniors need but cannot afford. Many seniors forego legal advice because they cannot pay an attorney up to \$350 per hour in addition to basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter and medical care. Given seniors lack of discretionary funds for legal assistance, equal access to justice remains out of their grasp. LSS helps level the playing field by providing legal representation in courts settings at no charge to our senior clients.</p>

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<p>Maxs Helping Paws Foundation</p>	<p>Short Term/Critical Care Veterinary Support Program</p>	<p>Our Critical/Short term care program offers the largest amount of funding for pets to be evaluated and treated for acute crisis situations. This can include sudden illness, traumatic wounds or other unexpected situations. While not every case is life-threatening, without care, these animals may be surrendered, may suffer and/or have to be euthanized. This is an ongoing program which we will continue to offer to residents of Monterey County and their pets. The addition of Chestnut's Fund, immediately when COVID hit, has accelerated the need for what we do, as well as the pool of those in need.</p>	<p>At Max's Helping Paws, our primary demographic is those experiencing financial hardship who live in the Monterey County area. Our clients consist of veterans, single income households, those living on fixed incomes, homeless, those impacted directly due to COVID-related job loss and others who may be experiencing financial hardship due to medical or other life circumstances. We seek to provide funding for pets in health crisis for anyone who is experiencing financial difficulty. Traditionally, 100% of our clients are considered in the low and moderate-income bracket. Last year, we experienced an influx of clients who would otherwise not have been considered at this level. These are the families who traditionally have work, and lost that work or became reduced hours once COVID began. 100% of our support last year went directly to low and moderate-income families, with 50% of the clients being directly impacted with COVID. During a year when tragedy struck the globe, our services provided stability for pet companions to stay healthy and home, thus directly correlated to an individual/families mental well-being during and already turbulent year. Our services lower the costs of veterinary care for these families so that they are able to keep their companion well and healthy. Without our services, these families would have to face the difficult decision of surrendering their companion to a shelter, economic euthanasia or potential suffering for what is not 'just' a pet, but a companion who provides mental stability and health to the family.</p>
<p>Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley, Inc.</p>	<p>Meals on Wheels Fresh Meals for Seniors</p>	<p>We will be able to serve 4000 meals to seniors, 62 and older who are sheltering in place and afraid to leave their homes because of the pandemic. If we serve 25 people a week, 5 meals a day at \$25.00 per day per person, we'll be able to serve these people for approximately 7 months based on the funding request of \$100,000.</p>	<p>Our regular home-delivered meal program serves homebound seniors, 62 and older, who cannot shop or cook for themselves and live in Gonzales, Greenfield and other unincorporated areas of the Salinas Valley such as Chular. The program we are seeking funding for would serve seniors, 62 and older who are not homebound in the traditional sense but who are, due to Covid-19, sheltering in place and often afraid to go out to shop for groceries.</p>

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<p>Rancho Cielo, Inc.</p>	<p>COVID Operational Expenses and Losses</p>	<p>Like many organizations, Rancho Cielo has undergone significant changes due to the pandemic. In order for Culinary students to continue their vocational training, Rancho Cielo erected a large tent to be used for outdoor dining (\$5000). In addition, due to the pandemic, a large amount of earned income associated with the cost of goods and stipends was lost (\$57,600). Finally, eight laptops (\$8,000) were given to students for home use that were originally for staff. Those laptops will continue in service post-COVID. As such, we humbly request \$30,000 to defray these costs and losses.</p>	<p>Rancho Cielo serves marginalized primarily Latinx youth aged 16-24. 100% of Rancho Cielo students come from low income families. Our students were unsuccessful in a traditional high school setting for a variety of reasons: incarceration, family barriers, pregnancy, homelessness, and more. For similar reasons, our students are also most likely to be significantly impacted by the pandemic. In fact, in Monterey County, Latinx residents make up 82% of COVID-19 cases. The virus creates a safety concern for our students. Although homicides have been on the decline in the County, research shows that Monterey County's Hispanic male youth aged 16-24 are the most at risk of becoming victims of, or involved in, violence and crime. The risk increases when youth are not physically in school as has been the case due to the pandemic. Diminished economic opportunities, family disruptions, and few positive mentors also pose a significant threat to the safety of young adults. Homelessness has been a crisis in Monterey County for several years. Increasing rents, low-wage jobs, and a high cost of living are creating a situation where more and more people end up homeless. Although the 2019 Monterey County Homeless Point-In-Time Census & Survey showed that the number of homeless individuals in the area decreased from 2017 to 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a financial downturn. Many families and individuals have lost their jobs and are now at-risk of being homeless. The homeless crisis is particularly dire in the City of Salinas. Salinas has a little over a third of Monterey County's population but over 50% of the total homeless population. Additionally, in Monterey County, Salinas has the largest number of COVID-19 cases. All of these factors create severe problems for students academically. The opportunity to get out of poverty is virtually non-existent without a diploma. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, high school dropouts earn about \$10,000 a year less than graduates amounting to lifetime earnings that are \$260,000 less than peers who earned a diploma. Additionally, people without diplomas have fewer job options available to begin with. Providing services to the county's most vulnerable youth that increase the number of students receiving their diploma, provide access to living-wage jobs, and offer mentorship and enrichment opportunities is a top priority for our community. The Transitional Housing Village at Rancho Cielo provides housing for low- or very low-income people aged 18-24 who are working to make a positive change but are homeless or unsafe in their communities. For some of our students, sleeping in cars, couch surfing from place to place, or staying in a shelter becomes their only option. When combined with Rancho Cielo's other academic and vocational programs, these services help ensure that these youth leave our campus fully prepared to retain permanent housing.</p>
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CITY OF GREENFIELD	CITY OF GREENFIELD BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM	The funding requested of \$200,000 is going to be loaned and or granted to businesses which will be required to create and or retain 1 job for every \$35,000 borrowed at a minimum. At a minimum 7 jobs will be created and or retained, homelessness will be prevented and depression will be alleviated by all affected/dependent on that job. These 7 jobs touch the lives of hundreds of people and positively will affect the community as a whole!	Our program will benefit low and moderate income persons. The funding that the city will receive from the grant will go towards loans and grants for businesses who will be required to hire low and moderate income persons. For every \$35,000 borrowed 1 full-time low and/or moderate income job must be created and or retained. Funding to help businesses at this time is crucial due to the corona virus pandemic. Businesses have been forced to close and many people have been put out of work. The money that will be infused into a business can allow the business to open, continue to operate, and/or reopen their doors, which causes a need to hire new employees. For those businesses that have been able to survive, the funds can help them retain employees and potentially thrive by being able to purchase much needed items for the business to operate properly. The specific requirement of mandating the business to hire and or retain low and moderate income persons allow for the direct benefit to be for those persons to get and or retain a job.

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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Monterey County	As the only court-appointed child advocacy program in Monterey County, CASAs are trained volunteers advocate for the most at-risk and vulnerable children in our communities. In the short term, CASA volunteers are a reliable adult who the child learns to trust; they teach valuable life skills and appropriate social interactions; connect youth with community resources; help youth think about and prepare for the future; and provide valuable recommendations and information to the child's stakeholders. In the long term, foster youth with a CASA volunteer have better outcomes. Through CASA volunteers, this program provides positive intervention that interrupts legacies of abuse, thereby positively impacting communities now and for generations to come. Due to COVID, many of the services to children and families who benefit from our program were paused or impacted by increased needs. CASA volunteers who work with the children, and informally with the parents and/or caregivers, have been vital in ensuring the children have access to their needed services, in school and in the community. While the child's stakeholders such as their social workers, attorneys, teachers, and therapists, can be overwhelmed with multiple cases, a CASA is assigned to work with one child. This focused approach ensures that the child will not get lost or forgotten in oftentimes overburdened systems, especially in great times of need as the pandemic, and helps to maintain accountability for all of the people responsible for the child's well-being. As court officers, CASAs provide critical recommendations to the judge so that the best decisions can be made in behalf of the child. CASA has longstanding and reputable collaborations with various agencies working with the child including Department of Social Services, Peacock Acres, Epicenter, Monterey County Superior Court, Monterey County Office of Education, and Monterey County Behavioral Health. These, and many more partners, work towards the goal of providing services to these child victims with the intent to change the trajectories of their lives, and provide a safer and vibrant community.	As the only court-appointed child advocacy program in Monterey County, CASAs are trained volunteers advocate for the most at-risk and vulnerable children in our communities. In the short term, CASA volunteers are a reliable adult who the child learns to trust; they teach valuable life skills and appropriate social interactions; connect youth with community resources; help youth think about and prepare for the future; and provide valuable recommendations and information to the child's stakeholders. In the long term, foster youth with a CASA volunteer have better outcomes. Through CASA volunteers, this program provides positive intervention that interrupts legacies of abuse, thereby positively impacting communities now and for generations to come. Due to COVID, many of the services to children and families who benefit from our program were paused or impacted by increased needs. CASA volunteers who work with the children, and informally with the parents and/or caregivers, have been vital in ensuring the children have access to their needed services, in school and in the community. While the child's stakeholders such as their social workers, attorneys, teachers, and therapists, can be overwhelmed with multiple cases, a CASA is assigned to work with one child. This focused approach ensures that the child will not get lost or forgotten in oftentimes overburdened systems, especially in great times of need as the pandemic, and helps to maintain accountability for all of the people responsible for the child's well-being. As court officers, CASAs provide critical recommendations to the judge so that the best decisions can be made in behalf of the child. CASA has longstanding and reputable collaborations with various agencies working with the child including Department of Social Services, Peacock Acres, Epicenter, Monterey County Superior Court, Monterey County Office of Education, and Monterey County Behavioral Health. These, and many more partners, work towards the goal of providing services to these child victims with the intent to change the trajectories of their lives, and provide a safer and vibrant community.

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Because the state continues to grapple with the pandemic, academic classes have begun remotely. However, we have continued the model we developed this past summer for Culinary and Construction with small cohorts, tightly adhering to industry protocols. These groups of students come to campus to work on the skill-building, vocational component of their schooling. In the Culinary Academy, students prepare meals for the Friday Night Dinner Service while learning the rigors of COVID protocols used by the restaurant industry. In the Construction Academy, students are building tiny homes for a local homeless initiative while also operating under strict COVID guidelines for the construction industry. Culinary and Construction students are not the only young people on campus. Youth Corps members help maintain the Ranch for their fellow students. Students in all three programs receive stipends for their work. In fact, during the 2019-2020 school year, \$130,379 was paid out to Rancho Cielo students money that benefits their families and our community. The Ranch is also home for several students and alumni. These residents were either homeless or unsafe in their neighborhoods / homes. Throughout the pandemic, these young people have lived on-campus receiving support and guidance from residential staff. Without Rancho Cielo, these students would be sleeping in cars, couch surfing from place to place, or staying in shelters. Our small class sizes allow each student to receive personalized, one-on-one education even when working remotely. Our case managers work to build relationships with students and their families, connecting them to resources at the Ranch and within the community. 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