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NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 23

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: FY 2025-26 Annual District Discretionary Grant Report and the Grants and Donations Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2026

ABSTRACT:

Pursuant to City Council policy, this report provides information regarding (1) District Discretionary Grants awarded by the City Council, and (2) grants and donations accepted by the City Manager. City Council Policy A-12, (*Discretionary Grants*), requires annual reporting to the City Council. City Council Policy F-3, (*Budget Adoption and Administration*), requires quarterly reporting to the City Council of any grants or donations accepted by the City Manager.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Receive and file.

DISCUSSION:

District Discretionary Grants Awarded

City Council Policy A-12 allows the City Council to, at any time during the year, direct funds toward worthy projects or programs which the City Council deems beneficial to Newport Beach residents' quality of life. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 funding level for District Discretionary Grants was \$6,000 per district for a total of \$42,000. City Council members allocated a total of \$33,239.00 for uses, projects or community entities that benefited the City of Newport Beach as a whole or a Councilmember's district specifically. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 District Discretionary Grant Report is included as Attachment A.

Grants and Donations Accepted

Per City Council Policy F-3, the City Council must be formally notified of all accepted grants or donations on a quarterly basis by way of a “receive and file” report. During the quarter ending June 30, 2026, the City Manager accepted \$48,628.12 in grants and donations. Information about the grants accepted is provided below.

Source	Date	Amount	Use
California Department of Boating and Waterways	04/29/26	\$10,560.00	To address abandoned and surrendered vessels
OC CoastKeepers	04/16/26	\$2,750.00	ADA Compliant Beach Wheelchair
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	05/01/26	\$2,941.44	Travel related to the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program
Santiago Library System (SLS)	05/01/26	\$2,166.68	Purchase of digital materials
Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)	05/01/26	\$210.00	Increase in per position allocations per BSCC
Library Foundation of Newport Beach	06/10/26	\$30,000.00	Materials for tutors and learners, annual America Learns database subscription, office supplies, travel & training, and new materials

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item. Funds for the District Discretionary Grants were included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget and grants or donations accepted by the City Manager were included in the budget via City Manager approved budget amendments.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Fiscal Year 2025-26 District Discretionary Grant Report