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## **County Invests in Pandemic Recovery as Board of Supervisors Approves Revised Budget**

### **2021-22 Spending Plan Earmarks Funds for COVID-19 Boosters, Relief for Individuals and Small Businesses**

**Redwood City** – The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors today unanimously approved a revised budget for the 2021-22 Fiscal Year that will help drive the economic recovery of individuals, families and small businesses hit by the pandemic.

Overall, the \$3.8 billion budget advances three key goals: economic recovery; ending homelessness; and ensuring that government policies and programs reach and lift every neighborhood in San Mateo County.

“This budget targets investment in our greatest resource: the people who live and work here in San Mateo County,” said Board of Supervisors President David J. Canepa.

“We are putting difference-making dollars to work countywide in three significant ways,” Canepa said. “First, by supporting small businesses through grants and fee waivers; second, by investing in housing solutions to end homelessness and; three, by setting up a framework that advances equity to ensure no one in our community gets left behind.”

The County continues to prioritize COVID-19 economic recovery through a wide range of programs. The revised budget includes the addition of \$74.4 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, as follows:

<b>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Total Received: \$74.4 million)</b>	
<b>Projects</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
<b>Homelessness:</b> Navigation Center and/or acquisition of additional hotels	\$20,000,000
<b>Lost Revenue Reimbursement:</b> reimbursement to County departments for loss of County revenue incurred through the course of the pandemic	\$20,000,000
<b>Community Initiatives:</b> community efforts related to equity and recovery	\$10,000,000
<b>Business Support:</b> funds for the creation of the North County Small Business Center, for the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, and for WeHope to develop a modular housing manufacturing plant in East Palo Alto	\$5,500,000
<b>Environmental Health Fees:</b> one-time support to about 5,400 businesses to offset revenue losses incurred due to restrictive COVID1-9 Health Orders	\$5,150,000
<b>Vaccine Outreach, Events, and Mass Vaccination for 3<sup>rd</sup> Dose:</b> administration of vaccines in communities at increased risk of COVID-19 infection and hospitalization, and enhanced vaccine outreach through extra help staffing and community-based providers	\$5,000,000
<b>SMC Strong Small Business Assistance Program:</b> 200 grants of \$10,000 each to eligible small business that have not received a County or state/federal small business COVID recovery grant or loan in the past 12 months, plus \$75,000 to SMCU Community Fund to administer the program	\$2,075,000
<b>Home Delivered Meals Expansion for Older Adults:</b> expansion of the County's home delivered meals program for older adults for two years, following the end of the Great Plates Delivered program	\$1,950,000
<b>Second Harvest of Silicon Valley Emergency Food Assistance:</b> emergency food assistance for vulnerable populations and creation of grocery delivery programs for older adults	\$2,550,000
<b>Micro Food Business Grant Program:</b> grants of up to \$2,500 cottage food operators, \$5,000 for caterers, food trucks, food carts, and \$10,000 for commissaries and incubator kitchens.	\$500,000
<b>Microenterprise Home Kitchen Ordinance (MEHKO) Pilot and Grant Program:</b> \$238,000 for Environmental Health Services to operate MEHKO pilot permitting program and \$62,500 for individual grants of \$2,500 to 25 MEHKO permit holders	\$300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,025,000</b>



With \$10 million directly focused on community-based efforts to aid in recovery, equity will continue to be a top priority for the County. A draft equity framework has been developed that will guide the County's internal and external efforts to advance equity.

The 2021-22 Recommended Budget the Board of Supervisors approved in June totaled \$3.3 billion. This revised budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year includes an additional \$431.8 million, or 13 percent, in allocations, bringing the final total to \$3.8 billion. (The fiscal year runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.)

Despite the increase in spending, the revised budget includes a net reduction of 15 authorized positions, bringing total budgeted positions to 5,627.

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