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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Requesting Board of Supervisors approval for funding of Conejo Community Outreach (CCO) Diaper Bank in a one-time contribution amount of \$40,000 for four years (\$10,000 for each year) for the support of the neediest families and their babies with diapers and wipes throughout Ventura County.

Dear Board Members,

Recommendation:

It is recommended that our Board approve and authorize a contribution of \$10,000 per year for four years (beginning in fiscal year 2023-2024) to fund the Conejo Community Outreach Diaper Bank and authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary budget transactions as follows (4/5th vote required):

INCREASE	1050	Services and Supplies	\$10,000
DECREASE	G001	General Fund – Fund Balance Assigned to Program Mitigation	\$10,000

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	General Fund
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other County Departments:	None

General Fund:

Fiscal Year	Amount	Distribution Date
FY 2023-2024	\$10,000	September 30, 2023
FY 2024-2025	\$10,000	July 1, 2024
FY 2025-2026	\$10,000	July 1, 2025
FY 2026-2027	\$10,000	July 1, 2026

Funding in future years will be dependent upon being included during the budget process.

Summary of Revenues and Costs:		FY 2023-24	FY2024-25
Revenues:		\$0	\$0
Costs:			
	Direct	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Indirect-Dept	\$0	\$0
	Indirect-County CAP	\$0	\$0
	Total Cost	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Net County Cost	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Recovered Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for Special Accounts and Contributions 1050				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$80,689,599	\$80,889,463	\$80,889,463	\$0
Revenue	\$5,954,000	\$5,954,000	\$5,954,000	\$0
Net Cost	\$74,735,599	\$74,935,463	\$74,935,463	\$0

Discussion:

Founded in 2015, Conejo Community Outreach (CCO) is a 100% volunteer run, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that serves families throughout Ventura County. The Community Diaper Bank, launched in 2018, provides an average of 30,000 diapers (plus wipes) to approximately 350-400 children throughout Ventura County with a primary focus on the Conejo Valley each month. Unfortunately, the need in Ventura County is much larger than the current capacity.

The Diaper Bank supports our county's most vulnerable families with monthly supplements of diapers and wipes. More than 70 of these families are referred by Ventura County Public Health each month, while CCO has received no financial support from the County.

Additional County organizations and nonprofits, local school districts including Conejo Valley Unified School District and organizations such as, CASA, Amigo Baby, Interface Children & Family Services, First 5 Ventura County, Safe Passage Youth Foundation and beyond refer families in need to CCO.

Approval of this item will provide much needed funding to supply diapers and wipes for the County's referrals to the diaper bank while also supporting the organization's mission delivering a crucial service for our community. With the current limited funding and support each month, CCO must turn away many families in need of diapers and wipes for

their babies. Studies show that diaper insecurity has a tremendous negative mental health impact for parents struggling to afford necessities. Currently there are more than 233 families with 300 children and several organizations on the waitlist. This funding will allow CCO to be able to make a commitment to more families in Ventura County in desperate need.

- Approximately 51% of diaper bank applicants are between the ages of 18-24, with 3% of the parents 17 years or younger.
- 34% of parents report an income of \$5,000 or lower per year. 20% of the families supported by the diaper bank report having a child with a disability. CCO also supports several foster families.
- Approximately 89% of the families identify as either Spanish, Hispanic or Latino.
- On average CCO supports between 350-400 children per month (about 30,000 diapers and 60,000 wipes).

With inflation and an ongoing need for help for our most vulnerable families it is imperative that we do our part to assist with this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. F. Gorell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Gorell
Supervisor, Second District