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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93001

SUBJECT: Requesting Board of Supervisors approval for funding of 'Swap Meet Justice' in a one-time contribution amount of \$150,000 for 3 years (\$50,000 for each year) for continuation of the program at Oxnard College providing vital services to Ventura County Residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board approve a contribution in the amount of \$50,000 for 3 years for a total of \$150,000 to fund Swap Meet Justice and authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the budgetary transactions necessary.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

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

DISCUSSION:

I am requesting your support and approval for funding of 'Swap Meet Justice', a program by CLUE-VC, a 501c3 organization, in the amount of \$50,000 each year for 3 fiscal years. Swap Meet Justice began in 2019 and became a cross sector collaboration of 40 different government agencies, nonprofits, service providers, and legal services to engage Ventura County residents and provide easy access to vital services and are provided free of charge to the community. Swap Meet Justice takes place every third Sunday of the month at Oxnard College and is staffed by trained volunteers and interns, with onsite interpretation in Spanish and Mixteco. Swap Meet Justice has been a consistent service for years now and has developed to become a trusted resource in the community and assists over 500 Ventura County residents each month. In addition, Swap Meet Justice offers internships for High School and College students that want to get involved in the community or have an interest in a career in law, medicine, public health, or other fields, and gives students an opportunity to receive mentorship from local leaders and gain valuable hands-on experience.

To demonstrate the engagement, effectiveness, and need for Swap Meet Justice, below is data of new clients from agencies at the recent March 2023 swap meet:

- County of Ventura Farmworker Resource Program gained 196 new contacts
- County of Ventura Weights and Measures gained 150 new contacts
- County of Ventura Behavioral Health gained 50 new contacts
- Public Defender's office conducted 8 onsite interviews for service
- Interface gained 60 new contacts and processed 13 new Medi-Cal applications
- MICOP gained 100 new contacts
- Westminster Clinic conducted 76 onsite blood pressure and diabetes screening tests
- 100 new inquires with local legal services.

This letter has been reviewed by the CEO, the Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 654-2613.

Sincerely,



Vianey Lopez
Supervisor, Fifth District

Exhibit 1: Swap Meet Justice Operating Costs and Budget

Exhibit 2: List of agencies that participate in Swap Meet Justice every month