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Hello Ventura County Supervisors.

Thank you for adding this agenda item, it is so important to help the families throughout Ventura County, Conejo Community Outreach Diaper Bank has provided over a million diapers, over 350 children benefit from this service. I have donated to the diaper bank many times and I am surprised how much this group does and how much they still need. They also help out other organizations in the county like Safe Passage, CASA, Friends of Fieldworkers and more. Funding the only diaper bank in the area will also help these other groups. The grant will help families, providing economic relief to many in the community. This should also help the local business when families have extra money most of the time it's spent in the local community. When you see that Conejo Community Outreach is all volunteers and the cost each month to provide families with wipes and diapers its astonishing. The grant of 40k, \$10,000 annually for four years will send a message that BOS of Ventura cares about the families and their children's lives.

Years ago when I was pregnant with my second child, very soon after having my first child, after all the congratulations and well wishes was the common comment wow two kids in diapers that's going to be hard. What does it cost to diaper a child for a month? I googled this and it was around \$80 a month. I had two kids and some families have more kids in diapers. That cost can add up and take away from other bills like utilities or rent and most important food. I was privileged and could afford diapers. A few of my friends single moms or grandparents raising grandchildren had a hard time with diaper costs and other monthly expenses. A few times leaving children in wet or reusing soiled diapers to stretch the use. This can be a health concern. I learned diapers and wipes as well as menstrual products, pads and tampons were not covered by food stamps. Diaper banks and other non profit organizations were critical for my friend basic needs. Conejo Community Diaper Bank will always be there helping all families in need. Please help out Ventura County children with this

funding.

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