

**MINUTES  
VERNON COMMUNITY FUND GRANT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY MAY 18, 2022  
REMOTE LOCATION VIA ZOOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Vice Chair Gonzalez led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Mark Gonzalez, Vice Chair (via remote access)  
Ronit Edry, Committee Member (via remote access)  
Steven Froberg, Committee Member (via remote access arrived at 10:10 a.m.)  
Leticia Lopez, Committee Member (via remote access)  
Michelle Ybarra, Committee Member (via remote access)

**ABSENT:**

Frank Gaviña, Chair  
James Chang, Committee Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Zaynah Moussa, Interim City Attorney (via remote access)  
Lisa Pope, City Clerk (via remote access)  
Diana Figueroa, Administrative Analyst (via remote access)  
Frances Jemmott, City Consultant (via remote access)  
James Hull, City Consultant (via remote access)

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Member Lopez moved and Member Ybarra seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Chair Gaviña, Member Chang and Member Froberg absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR****MOTION**

Member Lopez moved and Member Ybarra seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried 4-0, Chair Gaviña, Member Froberg and Member Chang absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: Approve the November 17, 2021 Regular Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee meeting minutes.

**2. Revised Vernon CommUNITY Fund (VCF) Scholarship Program Applicant Package and Guidelines**

Recommendation: A. Recommend that the City Council adopt changes via ordinance to Vernon Municipal Code Section 2.48.110, updating VCF Scholarship criteria by modifying the existing applicant residency requirement to allow students attending school in the Vernon Area to apply and removing the 12-month minimum Vernon Area residency requirement; B. Approve certain non-substantive changes in the revised VCF Scholarship Program Applicant Package, as submitted for implementation and distribution beginning January 2023; and C. Approve certain non-substantive changes in the revised VCF Scholarship Program Guidelines, as submitted for continued internal use.

**NEW BUSINESS****3 Fiscal Year 2021-22 Docket II Vernon CommUNITY Fund (VCF) Scholarship Grants**

Recommendation: Award Fiscal Year 2021-22 VCF Docket II Scholarship Grants totaling \$20,000 to the following applicants: 1. Alejandro Hernandez (Applicant #5), Loyola High School - \$4,000; 2. Lucia Langaney (Applicant #11), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies - \$4,000; 3. Jamilex Soto (Applicant #3), Huntington Park High School - \$4,000; 4. Priscila Villegas (Applicant #4), Huntington Park Institute of Applied Medicine - \$4,000; and 5. Pauly Vega (Applicant #12), Bell Senior High Magnet - \$4,000.

Administrative Analyst Figueroa presented the staff report.

Member Froberg arrived at 10:10 a.m.

**MOTION**

Member Ybarra moved and Member Lopez seconded a motion to: Award Fiscal Year 2021-22 VCF Docket II Scholarship Grants totaling \$20,000 to the following applicants: 1. Alejandro Hernandez (Applicant #5), Loyola High School - \$4,000; 2. Lucia Langaney (Applicant #11), Maywood Center for Enriched Studies -

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**4. Vernon CommUNITY Fund Allocation and Grantmaking Recommendations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23**

Recommendation: Discuss the anticipated Vernon CommUNITY Fund grantmaking program allocation for FY 2022-23, provide recommendations to staff for grantmaking in the upcoming fiscal year, and determine distribution for Direct Service Grants and Scholarship Grants.

Administrative Analyst Figueroa presented the report.

In response to Committee questions, Administrative Analyst Figueroa discussed the means of disseminating grant opportunity information, including the YMCA and other City and regional partners.

**MOTION**

Member Edry moved and Member Lopez seconded a motion to modify the grantmaking program to increase the amount for Scholarship Grants to \$40,000; mail grant opportunities to businesses and utilize legislative social media means offered by Vice Chair Gonzalez. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Chair Gaviña and Member Chang absent.

**ORAL REPORTS**

Administrative Analyst Figueroa announced upcoming grant workshops for direct service grants; and the application period for Commission and Committee vacancies. Consultant Jemmott expanded on the purpose and proposed content of the workshops.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Vice Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

*Francisco Gaviña Jr.*

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FRANK GAVIÑA, Chair

ADJEST:  
*Lisa Pope*

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LISA POPE, City Clerk  
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