



# MINUTES

## IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN GRANTS REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

**September 14, 2022  
City Council Chamber  
(Also via ZOOM)**

One Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

### CALL TO ORDER

Housing Manager Varon called the Irvine Recovery Plan Grants Review Subcommittee Meeting to order at 4:20p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present:                   SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER: AMIL AARON  
                                  SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER: ANDREW DOUGLASS  
                                  SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER: JING SUN  
                                  SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER: REBEKAH THOMAS  
                                  SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER: SOHA VAZIRNIA\*

\* Attended via ZOOM

Staff Present:           Lisa Varon, Housing Manager; Corey Lakin, Deputy Director of Community Services; Keri Bullock, Neighborhood Services Analyst; Valeria Ramos, Housing Analyst; Frank Perez, MDG Consultant; Rudy Munoz, MDG Consultant; Rudy Vargas, MDG Consultant; Debra Langford, Recording Secretary; Kelli Allman, Housing Secretary; and Rudy Munoz, MDG Consultant (via teleconference)

### INTRODUCTIONS

Housing Manager Varon began the meeting by thanking subcommittee members for their service and proceeded to introduce staff present.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Housing Manager Varon announced a change of agenda order. Business item one to be heard before Public Comments.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **1. SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Housing Manager Varon opened nominations from the Subcommittee for Chairperson and a motion.

**ACTION: It was moved by Subcommittee Member Thomas, seconded by Subcommittee Member Vazirnia, and approved unanimously to:**

Name Subcommittee Member Aaron as Chairperson.

Chair Aaron opened up nominations to elect a Vice Chairperson.

**ACTION: It was moved by Chairperson Aaron, seconded by Subcommittee Member Sun, and approved unanimously to:**

Name Subcommittee Member Vazirnia as Vice Chairperson.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDIZED ITEMS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

None.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **2. IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN MEETING #1 - PROGRAM UPDATE AND APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS**

Housing Manager Varon and Neighborhood Services Administrator Bullock presented the IRP Grants Program Update.

The IRP Grants Program is a \$5 million initiative offering grants to nonprofits that assist vulnerable populations, assist small businesses, and emerging non-profits in the community. In June 2022, the City Council approved the IRP Grants Program design and budget, which included establishing Subcommittee to review grant applications and recommend grant awards to the City Council. The

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presentation, which is attached to the Minutes, includes an overview of the program, outreach activities, and the number and categories of applications received.

Subcommittee members discussed the current grant program reimbursement funding structure (described in the NOFA) versus the benefits of a traditional grant model of advance funding.

**ACTION: It was moved by Chairperson Aaron, seconded by Vice Chair Vazirnia, and approved unanimously to:**

Remove the reimbursement requirement from the NOFA, but add a quarterly disbursement requirement.

Applicant presentations followed.

2-1-1 Orange County  
Community Action Partnership of Orange County  
Easterseals Southern California  
OC Iranian American Chamber of Commerce (OCIACC)  
Families Forward  
Hecht Trauma Institute  
Human Options  
Hope Center for the Arts  
Irvine Adult Day Health  
Irvine Children's Fund  
Mental Health Association of Orange County

At 6:50 p.m. Chairperson Aaron called a recess.

At 7:10 p.m. Chairperson Aaron reconvened the meeting and presentations resumed.

MOMS of Orange County  
NAACP Orange County  
Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Association (OCAPICA)  
Orange County United Way  
Public Law Center  
South County Outreach  
StandUp for Kids  
Team Kids  
Working Wardrobes  
Asian Business Association of Orange County (ABAOC)  
Charitable Ventures

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Ektaa  
CSUF Auxiliary Services  
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce  
SCORE Orange County  
COR CDC (No PPT)  
OC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Filipino Influential Leaders & Mentors  
Orange County Justice Fund (*Sabrina*)  
Small Business Diversity Network  
To Stop Abuse Proactively

**ACTION: It was moved by Chairperson Aaron, seconded by Subcommittee Member Douglass, and approved unanimously to:**

Receive and file the staff report and presentations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Aaron adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m. to the Irvine Recovery Plan Grants Review Subcommittee Meeting September 29, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., Irvine Civic Center, City Council Chamber, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California.

Date Approved: 9/29/22

  
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CHAIR OF THE IRVINE RECOVERY PLAN GRANTS  
REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF IRVINE

  
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HOUSING MANAGER