



SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001721

MEETING DATE: 08/25/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): Board of Supervisors
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Supervisor Wagner
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Amanda Casillas, 714-834-3330
George Boutros, 714-834-3330

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$38,206 from Third District Discretionary to Higher Ground Youth

CEO CONCUR

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

**CLERK OF THE
BOARD**

N/A

No Legal Objection

DISCUSSION

3 Votes Board Majority

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve the use of \$38,206 from Third District discretionary funds to Higher Ground Youth and Family Services.
2. Find under Government Code section 26227 that this expenditure is necessary to meet the social needs of County residents.
3. Authorize and direct the County Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Higher Ground Youth and Family Services as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation, including, but not limited to, the allocation of funds to Higher Ground Youth and Family Services.
4. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to make related payments as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation, including, but not limited to Cal-Card, electronic fund transfers or check payments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

I would like to allocate \$38,206 from Third District discretionary funds to Higher Ground Youth and Family Services, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving under-resourced communities across their four locations.

Higher Ground's P3 Launch Lab program is designed specifically to give teens a chance to start and run their own business through the form of a campus Snack Shack where goods are sold to Higher Ground interns, parents, staff. By allowing teens to manage inventory, set prices, and track revenue, this program offers students a chance to empower them to pursue their own business ventures after high school.

With this \$38,206 grant, Higher Ground will be able to expand the program by purchasing a commercial T-shirt printing machine and embroidery machine, as well as adding a Program Coordinator to provide students with a wider range of opportunities to participate. Through the program, students will gain hands-on experience in business operations, including managing inventory, setting prices, and fulfilling orders, while developing practical, real-world skills.

Third District Chief of Staff, Tara Campbell, serves as an uncompensated member of the Board of Directors of Higher Ground Youth and Family Services. Following consultation with County Counsel, her service has been determined to constitute a “noninterest” pursuant to Government Code section 1091.5(a)(8).

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A