



SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001731

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): Tara Campbell, 714-834-3330
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SUBJECT: Allocate \$60,000 from Third District discretionary funds to The Shea Center

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 allocation of \$60,000 from Third District discretionary funds to The J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc..
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 The J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation, including, but not limited to, the allocation of funds.
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 \$60,000 from Third District discretionary funds to The J.F. Shea Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. ("Shea Center"). The Shea Center empowers people with disabilities through equine-assisted services and therapies. The Shea Center serves more than 1,400 children, teens, adults, seniors, and veterans annually, providing services to individuals throughout Orange County. More than 40 percent of the individuals served each year reside within the Third District.

The proposed \$60,000 allocation of Third District discretionary funds will support the Shea Center's equine-assisted therapies, which provide physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy. These services utilize the therapeutic benefits of interacting with and riding horses to help

individuals with disabilities improve mobility, strength, balance, postural control, coordination, speech, cognitive function, and independence.

Access to effective long-term therapy and recreational opportunities for children and adults with disabilities can be difficult to find and may place a significant financial burden on families already managing the costs associated with medical and physical care. This funding will help the Shea Center keep the cost of its therapeutic services affordable, allowing more individuals and families to access these important services and receive the ongoing support they need to improve their quality of life and independence.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A