



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Community Improvement Designation Grant Acceptance for
The Wall That Heals Event

MEETING DATE: May 3, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

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REVIEWED BY: Jonathan Nicks, Deputy City Manager

APPROVED BY: Armando G. Villa, City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Community Improvement Designation Grant for The Wall That Heals event in the amount of \$5,000; and
2. Adopt a Budget Adjustment Resolution appropriating \$5,000 in revenue and expenditures for the Community Services Department; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary agreements and other grant-related documents thereof to receive the Community Improvement Designation Grant.

DISCUSSION

The Community Improvement Designation (CID) Grant is a competitive grant awarded by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors each year to support services and projects addressing the needs of and directly benefiting the residents in each county district. The County Supervisors have approved an annual allotment of funds within their respective district to propose awards to applicable programs. Approval of final awardees is voted on by the Board of Supervisors.

The City of Meniffee was recently awarded CID grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/2023 CID Program for The Wall That Heals Event which took place during the month of April 2023. The Wall That Heals traveling exhibit features a mobile Education Center and three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Like the original Memorial, The Wall That Heals is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors are allowed name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall. The Wall That Heals is operated by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, a nonprofit organization authorized by Congress to build a national memorial dedicated to all that served in the Vietnam War. Meniffee

was selected as one of the 25-35 communities across the nation to host the The Wall That Heals and was only one of four California cities for 2023.

The Wall arrived in Menifee on Tuesday, April 4th, via motorcycle escort, comprised of local Law Enforcement agencies, veteran and patriot riders, VA mobile vet center, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Cal FIRE. It was assembled and erected at the Miller-Jones Menifee Memorial Park by volunteers on Wednesday, April 5th, and remained open 24 hours/day until its disassembly on Sunday, April 9th, also by volunteers. During that time, the City also hosted the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony on Thursday, April 6th. The Event attracted an estimated 6,000 attendees and over 350 volunteers from the community and local cities/counties throughout the week. Based on the U.S. Census, Menifee is home to over 8,000 veterans, most of whom are Vietnam Veterans living within the Sun City community.

The Wall That Heals Event was recognized by District 3 Supervisor, Chuck Washington, as a project to award CID funding. Staff requests that Council authorize the City Manager to accept the \$5,000 CID grant to reimburse such event costs as marketing collateral and ceremony programs, generators, portable restroom facilities, tent structure, staff vests, and volunteer refreshments.

STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE

Community Engagement and Social Infrastructure

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact resulting from the acceptance of the CID Grant will result in an increase of \$5,000 in grant revenue (Fund 301) and an expenditure appropriation as designated by Finance. No match by the City is required.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Award Notice – Board Agenda Staff Report
2. CID Grant Application
3. Grant Summary Report
4. Budget Adjustment Resolution