

7. Community Based Organization (CBO) 2026 Funding Recommendations

This item starts at 00:31:07 in the archived video.

Michelle Castillo, Management Analyst, highlighted the staff report and provided an overview of the CBO program and the next steps. Ms. Castillo did not receive any questions from the Commission.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Cisneros announced that 4 written public comments had been received for this item.

Gene Boutilier, member of the Claremont Unified Church of Christ (CUCC) and board member of Housing Claremont, noted that the only applicant that did not receive funding was the Claremont Parking Safe Program proposed by CUCC and he appealed the ad hoc committee's recommendation. He provided a brief overview of the program and stated that CUCC advocates will continue to push for this project to support those in need.

Barbara Gonzalez, President of Claremont Meals on Wheels, provided an overview of the Claremont Meals on Wheels' program and expressed appreciation for the grant funding received in previous years. She mentioned how the funds are used.

Jo Hardin, Claremont resident, spoke in support of the Claremont Safe Parking Program and expressed disappointment that every program was funded except the one by CUCC. She asked the Commission to revisit the decision to support CUCC's program.

Unidentified Claremont resident spoke against the Claremont Safe Parking Program by CUCC. The resident expressed concern about safety and property crime and said supporting the program is causing stress to the community.

Unidentified Claremont resident spoke against the Claremont Safe Parking Program stating that while the Church's intentions may be good, there are concerns. He stated this is the wrong location.

Cameron, Claremont resident, spoke against the Claremont Safe Parking Program and expressed safety concerns.

Kenneth Nakamoto, Claremont resident, expressed concerns about providing funding to Claremont Safe Parking Program and questioned the appropriateness of the location for this program.

Linda, Claremont resident, noted that the proposed Claremont Safe Parking Program site is surrounded by two-story homes, raising concerns about the potential impact on residents' privacy and sense of security.

There were no further requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

The ad hoc committee members explained the rationale behind the committee's funding recommendations, outlining the criteria and considerations used in the decision-making process.

Commissioners highlighted that the CBO grant funding program has limited funding and the main concern is to see that programs that apply for funding are serving Claremont residents and are demonstrating detailed data in their applications. They also thanked staff for streamlining the process and are pleased with the ad hoc committee's recommendations.

Commissioner Scott Toux moved to approve and forward the ad hoc committee's 2026 CBO funding recommendations, totaling \$100,500 for General Services and \$60,000 for Homeless Services/Critical Need programs, to the City Council for final approval, seconded by Commissioner Binder, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioner – Binder, Brower, Mora, Scott Toux, Sifuentes, Silva

NOES: Commissioner – None

ABSENT: Commissioner – Roselle