

## **City of Maricopa**

## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

## **City Council Regular Meeting**

Mayor Christian Price Vice-Mayor Nancy Smith Councilmember Marvin L. Brown Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse Councilmember Vincent Manfredi

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Councilmember Rich Vitiello		
Councilmember Henry M. Wade Jr.		
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	7:00 PM	Council Chambers

#### 1. Call to Order

The City Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Reverend Arnold Jackson from Mount Moriah A.M.E Church, gave the invocation and Councilmember Wade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. Roll Call

Councilmember Manfredi was present telephonically.

Present: 7 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Councilmember Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

#### 3. **Report from the Mayor**

Mayor Price called for a minute of silence for those affected by COVID-19 and the current social issues.

Councilmember Wade gave a statement on the inhumane event witnessed by everyone in the recent days. He thanked the community for getting together through it together as a group, and encouraged respect.

Councilwoman Gusse announced that the Maricopa Veterans donated a wooden flag to the Council. She gave a brief statement on George Floyd.

Mayor Price reported going to the Governor's Office as part of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns and elaborated. He reported also attending the AZ League of Cities and Towns Executive Committee meeting via Zoom and elaborated.

#### 4. **Report from the City Manager**

City Manager Horst reported that the City would go to the market, to price the bond refund and elaborated. He announced that the bond rating was upgraded and elaborated on the benefits of the higher ratings.

#### 5. Minutes

5.1 <u>MIN 20-21</u> Approval of Minutes from the May 19, 2020 City Council Regular meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Gusse, that the Minutes be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### 6. Consent Agenda

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Henry Wade, seconded by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

6.1 <u>MOU 20-01</u> The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maricopa Sergeants Council - Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78. Discussion and Action.

#### This Memorandum of Understanding was Approved.

6.2 <u>MOU 20-02</u> The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maricopa Officers Council - Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #78. Discussion and Action.

#### This Memorandum of Understanding was Approved.

6.3 <u>MOU 20-03</u> The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to approve the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Professional Firefighters of Maricopa- IAFF Local 4561. Discussion and Action.

#### This Memorandum of Understanding was Approved.

6.4 RES 20-17 A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Pinal County, Arizona declaring that the City Council deems the granting of a certain franchise beneficial for the City of Maricopa; ordering an election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2020, at which election there shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Maricopa the questions as to whether or not said franchise shall be granted to Southwest Gas Corporation. Discussion and Action.

#### Approved

#### 7. Regular Agenda and/or Public Hearings

7.1 ORD20-04 An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, approving and adopting an amendment to the City's Zoning Map to zone certain property described in Zoning Case #ZON19-11 for approximately 1.25 acres of land generally located east of Gunsmoke Rd and south of Magnolia Rd, within the City of Maricopa incorporated limits. The parcel of land is located in a portion of the Northeast quarter of Section 25 of Township 4 South, Range 3 east of the Gila and Salt River base and meridian, Pinal County, Arizona. Discussion and Action.

Councilmember Vitiello was recused as an employee of the requesting agency.

Assistant Planner, Peter Margoliner gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Agenda Item. He stated that Kooline Plumbling LLC requested the rezoning amendment (ZON 19-11) from the existing General Rural (GR) to Mixed Use General (MU-G). He detailed the site information and provided a visual of the location and zoning map. He discussed the amendment and detailed the public comment process and noted to comments were submitted. He stated the proposed amendment adhered to the General Plan's future land use designation, it would allow the applicant to continue its development plan for an office within the city and it would not impact the health, safety and general welfare of the area. He stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of ZON 19-11, subject to the conditions of approval stated in the staff report, and as amended.

Councilwoman Gusse asked if they would be using the existing structures. Mr. Margoliner responded they would bring in pre-manufactured structures. City Manager Horst elaborated. Mayor Price asked for clarification of the mixed used designation. Mr. Margoliner responded and a brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Gusse, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown

**Recused:** 1 - Councilmember Rich Vitiello

**7.2 RES 20-18** A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, declaring as a public record that certain document filed with the City Clerk and entitled "Maricopa City Code - 2002 Revision" and repealing the previously adopted City Code and all amendments thereto. Discussion and Action.

City Clerk Vanessa Bueras explained that staff hired a codification company to codify the Maricopa City Code approximately one year ago. She stated that during the process the City Code was reorganized and renumbered and therefore staff felt that repealing the existing Code and adopting a revised City Code would be in the best interest of the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Vitiello, seconded by Vice Mayor Smith, that this Resolution be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.3 ORD 20-06 An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, adopting "Maricopa City Code - 2020 Revision" by reference as Titles 1 to 18 of the Maricopa City Code and repealing the previously adopted City Code and providing for severability and the effective date thereof. Discussion and Action.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wade, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye: 7 Councilwoman Julia R. Gusse, Mayor Christian Price, Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Rich Vitiello, Councilmember Henry Wade and Councilmember Marvin L. Brown
- 7.4 MISC 20-12 The Mayor and City Council shall receive input from residents on how best to allocate

funding received through the AZCares Fund to support local businesses impacted by COVID19 and 501 (c)(3) nonprofits providing food and aid to those impacted by COVID 19. Discussion only.

Mayor Price explained the process of the Cares Act and elaborated on how it could be allocated. He stated that ideas had been received that would go on the record, and opened the floor for ideas from the community.

Chrystal O'John with the Veteran Care Center, gave information on the organization and gave information on their board members. She stated they would like to participate in the Care Act program because the recent traumatic events like COVID-19, current political discord, lack of employment and family stress was a trigger for veterans, including those in Maricopa. She stated they would like to provide COVID-19 emotional support by working with local partners. She stated Amber Liermann would be the acting Volunteer Program Director and had put together a program that would take place at the Maricopa Public Library. She elaborated on the services. Vice Mayor Smith asked if it was a non-profit organization. C. O'John responded it was a 501 3C.

Lucinda Boyd founder of The Streets Don't Love You Back gave information on her organization and stated they were interested in possibly receiving some of the funds to open up their services to a wider scope of the community. She elaborated. Vice Mayor Smith asked if the organization was a non-profit. Mrs. Boyd responded it was a 501 c3. Councilmember Wade asked if they knew how many people they had served since they started in Maricopa. Mrs. Boyd responded and elaborated on additional services.

Mayor Price elaborated on creating a process and discussed possible ideas. Councilmember Brown stated that many small businesses would not come back and that the City would have to be very prudent on how the funds would be distributed and elaborated. Councilmember Wade proposed possibly calling for a committee or a task force. Mayor Price discussed making the process as expeditiously as possible.

#### Discussed

#### 8. Executive Session

#### 9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Nancy Smith, seconded by Councilmember Marvin L. Brown, to Adjourn at 7:49 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Certification of Minutes**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Maricopa, Arizona, held on the 2nd day of June, 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2020.

Vanessa Bueras City Clerk

From:	The Bmx Family < brandonmgundlach@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 8, 2020 12:56 PM
То:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	City spending

There should be a pump track built for the city children to have a safe place to practice bmx. And to ride their scooters.

https://velosolutions.com/pump-track/en/

From:	Thao Huynh <thaohuynh36@gmail.com></thaohuynh36@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, June 3, 2020 11:05 PM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	Above and Beyond Nails and Spa Economic Assistance
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Due to the hardship of Covid-19 I hope these informations will help you to determine the financial assistance for my business :

1- I've still owed rents for March , April and May : \$12,000

2- Salaries for employees : \$7500

3- Utilities : \$1000

Thanks and regards

Than Nguyen

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Scott Bartle <Scott@InMaricopa.com> Monday, June 8, 2020 3:49 PM Vanessa Bueras Rick Horst CARES Act Funding

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Vanessa,

I would like to see the City use a small portion of the available funds to develop and execute a meaningful Shop Local campaign. If done right, it would become a revenue-generator for the City. While tax receipts are measurable, the indirect benefits of legitimately supporting local business by encouraging Maricopans to do the same would be immense and include sending a strong and important message to businesses the City is recruiting.

Of course, InMaricopa would welcome the opportunity to assist the City in this worthwhile endeavor.

Thanks for sharing this concept with the decision makers.

Regards, Scott

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From:	Rusty Akers <rusty@cohmaricopa.com></rusty@cohmaricopa.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:37 PM
То:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	Cares Act Funds for Maricopa

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Maricopa City Council

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I serve on the board for the brand new Boys & Girls Club that will be opening in Maricopa when our schools open this July. With the advent of Covid 19, child care, and after school activities, are becoming more and more an issue for parents that live in our city.

We would like the Council to consider Boys and Girls Club of Maricopa as one of the non-profits to benefit from the funds. Start up is already in the works, and it would be a tremendous benefit to the club to have additional funds to perhaps open with an even greater presence than we had planned.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Or you can email Matthew Lemberg, the Executive Director of the Clubs @ mlemberg@cgkids.org

Rusty Akers Pastor - Community of Hope Church 520-252-5817

From: Sent: To: Robert Brazelton <robert14845@gmail.com> Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:22 AM Vanessa Bueras

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With the future of partner programs with the school district still in the air due to Covid 19 I am asking you to consider Be Awesome for local Cares Act funds. These funds can help them transition to a community based model instead of a school based mentoring model. My child participated with the school based model and it was valuable to our child and family. Thank you for considering Be Awesome.

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CARES Spend

Ray Pulver <pulveray@gmail.com> Fuesday, June 2, 2020 10:36 AM /anessa Bueras CARES Spending

My employment has been consistent through the COVID 19 pandemic yet I still received a stimulus check. Why - Its nice but.... Funding should go to those in need or to businesses that have had employees submit unemployment. I think that community service should be tied to monies received as well that way there is give back to the community - not a free handout from taxpayers but a handout that benefits both the community and the people affected. unemployed persons could spend a few hours at the local food bank cleaning up / weeding parks, painting fire hydrants, performing other such service - gets them out and doing something.

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Regards,

Ray Pulver

From:	Priscilla Behnke <pbehnke@beawesomeyouth.life></pbehnke@beawesomeyouth.life>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:03 AM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	CARES Act
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Greetings,

I am writing to ask you to consider Be Awesome as one of the non-profits for the CARES Act relief funds. We have in the past relied heavily on the in kind contribution of our local school district for facility space. We have had the ability and support from funders to provide our programming remotely since March when the Covid 19 shut down began. We were able to continue with 70% of our mentees still connecting via zoom, video game sessions, phone calls, and texting. However that number has fallen to about 50%. We are looking at shifting to a community based model if we cannot provide school based services this fall as we do not know what the new school regulations will be. We would appreciate any support, financial or in kind to assist with facility space off school campuses. Thank you for your consideration.

#### Priscilla Behnke

Be Awesome Co-Founder, Programs Director PO BOX 144 Maricopa, AZ 85139 520-428-7750 www.beawesomeyouth.life



Date:	June 2, 2020
To:	Mayor Christian Price, Vice-Mayor Nancy Smith, Councilmember Marvin
	Brown, Councilwoman Julia Gusse, Councilmember Henry Wade,
	Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, and Councilmember Rich Vitiello
Cc:	City Manager Rick Horst, City Clerk Vanessa Bueras
From:	Peg Chapados
Re:	City Council Regular Agenda for 6/2/20 – Item 7.4

# 7.4 The Mayor and City Council shall receive input from residents on how best to allocate funding received through the AZCares Fund to support local businesses impacted by COVID19 and 501(c)(3) nonprofits providing food and aid to those impacted by COVID 19. Discussion only.

Honorable Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Members of City Council,

I agree with the need to help businesses and nonprofits and I applaud Council's effort to seek public input. I appreciate this opportunity to submit comments and I want to take a moment to acknowledge the individual and collective efforts of Council, city staff, our amazing community volunteers, and especially Maricopa's first responders. Continuing to put people first exemplifies Maricopa grit and our "can do" culture. Thank you all.

## I suggest allocating funds as follows.

<u>Allocation A</u> – First, I would advocate for a way to recognize the front-line workers who came through for <u>all</u> of us. In my opinion, the most critically important factor in getting us here, enabling us to discuss "reopening", "recovery" and allocating funds, is people.

Front-line workers, many of whom are in "essential services", showed up ready to work, doing whatever needed to keep things going. They faced challenges, took risks, made sacrifices, and coped with situations most never imagined we would see in our lifetime.

Without front-line workers, the Maricopa we see today would have come to a grinding halt. A huge part of our city's survival is because of them. At the minimum, I ask Council to deliver a Proclamation declaring one day each year as "Front-Line Worker Appreciation Day", or something similar. Also, include a public recognition element at City events, like Great American 4<sup>th</sup>, Merry Copa, and State of the City. There should be no limit to, or expiration date for, showing appreciation.

<u>Allocation B</u> – Businesses most impacted by COVID-19 restrictions or closures. Economic impacts vary from business to business, and there is no "one size fits all" or "quick-fix" solution. "Essential services" were designated a priority, but <u>every</u> business feels the impact in some way.

Business owners are dealing with a multitude of issues and uncertainties. We need to look at helping businesses meet their priority needs, whether it is covering expenses to stay open, implementing safety or sanitation standards, employee PPE protocols, and the like.

One way to help is for everyone in Maricopa to make it a priority to "Shop Local" now more than ever. It's an important element toward their, and our own, survival, but Council must also strategize to leverage dollars that yield maximum results. We have a vast resource network when it comes to business; let's use it. <u>Allocation C –</u> 501(c)(3) nonprofits who help provide food and aid. We have multiple nonprofit organizations serving Maricopa, but first and foremost, include local food banks or food pantries.

For additional allocations, I suggest a process developed along the lines of the previous Non-Profit Funding initiative. Identify objective criteria, create an application process, and allocate funds accordingly. I would automatically include:

- 1) F.O.R. Maricopa
- 2) Mountain View Community Food Bank\*\*
- 3) Maricopa VFW & American Legion posts
- 4) Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens\*\*
- 5) Maricopa's Family Advocacy Center (FAC)
- 6) Maricopa-based churches/religious organization programs that offer direct assistance to people
- 7) Against Abuse La Casa de Paz
- 8) Hope Women's Center
- 9) Maricopa Community Foundation

I know two of these organizations\*\* are not "brick and mortar" within Maricopa, but they serve the Maricopa area and are vital partners.

I include the Maricopa Community Foundation, or MCF, in the interests of sustainability. MCF is Maricopa's newest nonprofit whose Mission statement is "To serve our community by supporting quality of life enhancing initiatives, programs, events, and non-profit services within our community by developing resources for local organizations."

Needs are as diverse as the people an organization serves, and are not typically defined by a single qualifier. Allocating funds today allows organizations to meet the needs of tomorrow.

Nobody knows their clientele better than those within an organization, and readily available funds enable needs to be met more efficiently. By allocating funds to these organizations, we do the greatest good. MCF's vision statement says is succinctly: "to see the Maricopa area continue to grow and flourish while maintaining its traditions, values & small town feel where community is felt and nurtured."

I know *how* we do everyday things will change, maybe a little, maybe a lot, and I also know first-hand what Maricopans are capable of, especially when we work together.

So many people, businesses, and nonprofits are helping Maricopa through COVID-19, which impacts all of us and our city in some way. Now it's Maricopa's turn to help back. COVID-19 is our *latest* big challenge, not our only one and certainly not our last. We <u>WILL</u> get through this - together.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and thank you for considering my suggestions.

From:	Pedro Cortez <pedro.cortez@gmail.com></pedro.cortez@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 1, 2020 10:18 AM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	CARES Act Monies
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Vanessa,

Please consider my suggestion during the next council meeting.

The Maricopa food bank is getting lots of support from local businesses such as Fry's and Basha's. And while more and more people are requesting food bank support, I believe there is enough supply currently to fulfill the demand.

Supporting our local restaurants and small businesses is imperative. The food industry is tough under normal circumstances. Making it through a pandemic such as this one is daunting. Ensuring small business and restaurants do not go under water is perhaps the best choice when choosing how to spend the CARES monies.

Making sure that restaurants and small businesses can keep the lights on, and helping these businesses keep their employees in their payroll is critical.

Best regards,

"There are only 10 types of people in the world: Those who understand binary, and those who don't"

Pedro Cortez
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From: Sent: To: Subject: Pat Lairson <patlairsonrealtor@gmail.com> Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:06 AM Vanessa Bueras CARES ACT

Hi Vanessa,

I would like to submit a comment in regards of distribution to the CARES funds given to the city of Maricopa.

1. There should be a simple application process for small business and non profits to submit to receive these funds. In addition to brick and mortar business, Maricopa has a lot of home based businesses that may qualify that have been greatly effected by COVID. A citizen advisory committee should be established with 8 to 10 people that could preview applications and ensure that these businesses and non profits are serving the people of Maricopa. Suggested allocations can be made by this advisory committee but ultimately council has final approval. This will help create a check and balance system for this funding.

Pat Lairson



Pat Lairson, Realtor The Maricopa Real Estate Company PatLairsonRealtor@gmail.com 520)280-5862

From:	Google User <nathan.guilford1@gmail.com></nathan.guilford1@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:03 AM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	Cares Funds Usage
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My suggestion would be a local stimulus for Maricopa Residents.

\$1000 for each man woman and child - with the added campaign for Shop local - Asking each resident to spend their funds on Local Business to help spur the local economy. The costs of this program including administration should be less then \$150k

An Addtl \$500k as grant funds for small business in Maricopa and \$500k for non profits

Also \$3mm towards building a Small Medical Facility in Maricopa (hospital)

The remainder of the funds for the City to use as needed to cover expenses toward Covid

Thank you

Nathan Guilford

From: Sent: To: Subject: Matthew Lemberg <mlemberg@cgkids.org> Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:39 PM Vanessa Bueras CARES Act Funding

Hi Vanessa,

I would like to recommend that the City of Maricopa use some of their CARES Act funding to support child care organizations. Affordable child care was already a big concern for families everywhere (but especially in Maricopa) before COVID-19, and I believe that it is one of the biggest hurdles that employees will face in keeping their employment moving forward

Thank you for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

--Matthew Lemberg Executive Director Boys & Girls Clubs of the Casa Grande Valley 520-876-KIDS (5437) www.cgkids.org GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

From:	Linda Arney <arneylin@yahoo.com></arneylin@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Thursday, May 28, 2020 5:08 PM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	CARES Act money allocation
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I know there are lots of uses for the CARES Act money, but for the sake of the future of Maricopa I would ask that some of it be allocated to the small local businesses that are suffering. It would be really sad if, after this lockdown is over, the only businesses left are the chain ones. I'm thinking of some of my favorite restaurants, especially: Gyro Grill, Plaza Bonita, Yogurt Jungle, Li's Garden, Cilantro's... And no, I'm not affiliated with any of them. I'm just a retiree who likes to eat out.

Respectfully, Linda Arney

From:	laurie hayes <skyl3rmas0n@gmail.com></skyl3rmas0n@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, May 31, 2020 11:14 AM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	City spending.
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Building a pump track for kids to ride their bikes and scooters would be a great idea. The city of goodyear has done this and people from all over the valley drive there to visit the park. It would be a safe place for children and adults to play as well as bringing money to Maricopa economy.



From:	Katie Leon <mrsleon2182@gmail.com></mrsleon2182@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:42 AM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	For consideration of Be Awesome
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Hello, my name is Katie Leon and I am writing you on behalf of Be Awesome Coalition. My son attends Maricopa Wells Middle School and is a part of the school based mentoring program. His participation in this program has impacted his life in such a positive way, more than words can express.

As Be Awesome is continuously seeking ways to not only impact individuals in a positive manner, they too are seeking ways to positively impact the whole community. Covid-19 has impacted the future partner programs within the school district, and as a parent of a student that benefits so greatly from Be Awesome mentoring program, I am asking you to consider Be Awesome for local Cares Act funds. These funds can also help them transition to a community based model which will impact this community in a positive and tangible way. Thank you for considering Be Awesome.

Katie N. Leon

From:	Julie Klinedinst <julieklinedinst@hotmail.com></julieklinedinst@hotmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:18 PM
То:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	Please replace the previous one with this onerevised dollar amounts
Attachments:	Scan0060.pdf

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Good morning Vanessa r 1280 sq'. this does include an all utilities, maintenance and taxes (he has figures \$450 of the rent for each lower unit for this. \$750 for the upper units.

Possible renter could be but not limited to...plumbers, electricians, car dealers, Lawyers, counselor's, heavy equipment sales, Insurance agents, soap makers and so on. These spaces could create upwards of 200 jobs

What he is asking for would be to use AZ Cares funds to entice a developer to take on this project, by offering a 12-month guarantee of rent, And assistance with the installation cost of a water tank estimated at \$90,000 and septic estimated at \$40,000. Bring affordable office rental spaces and a new modern office complex to Maricopa.

*He is proposing free rent for a year with only costs being the utilities Maintenance and taxes. This would guarantee the developer rent for a year after completion. These are where the AZ Cares fund would come into use.* 

Lower units 750 x 44= 33,000 x 12= \$396,000.00 Upper units14500 x 22=319,000x12= \$319,000 Water tank \$90,000 Septic \$40,000

Attached is the proposed site information located at 22111 N White Rd Maricopa, AZ 85139

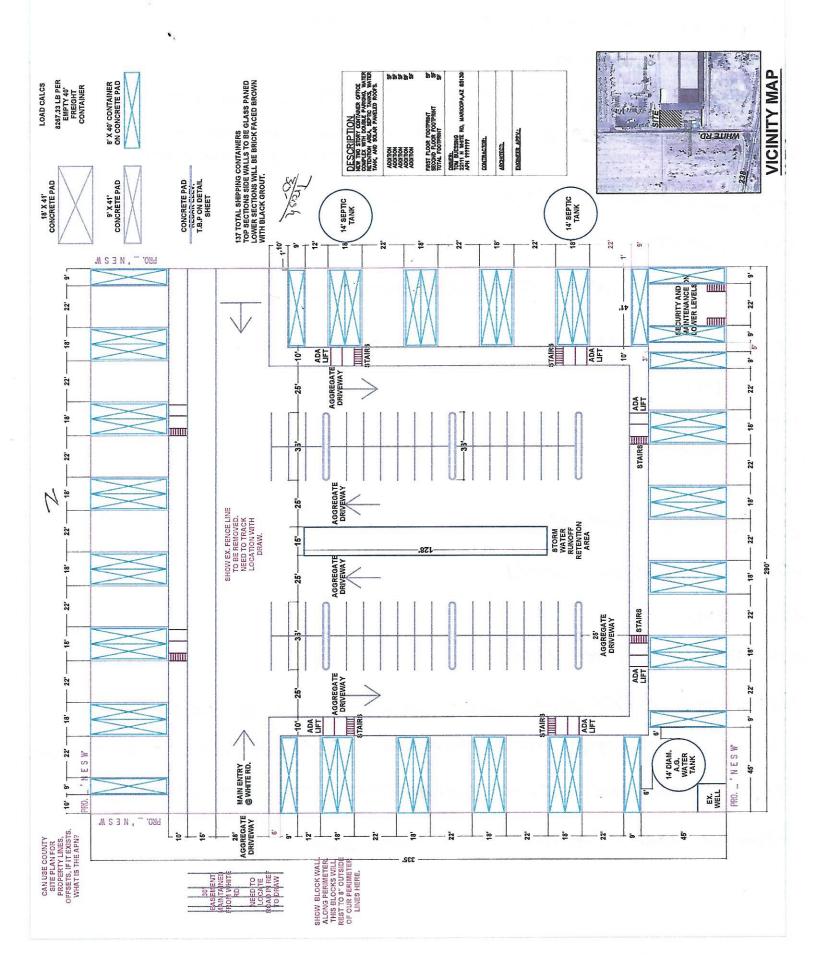
These are estimate numbers.

"What I do for you is invest my time consulting, negotiating and organizing the details of your transaction"

Julie (K)linedinst HomeSmart Success 317-450-7917 License #: SA685284000



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From:	Jay W Cook <putrbug@gmail.com></putrbug@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, May 29, 2020 3:13 PM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	CARES Act Funds
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I would consider a portion goes to the local food bank.

Jay W Cook 39984 W Hopper Dr Maricopa. AZ. 85138 May 31, 2020

Helens Kitchen

Maricopa City Council City of Maricopa: City Hall 39700 W. Civic Center Plaza Maricopa, AZ 85138

Dear Committee:

This letter is to appeal to the City Council regarding the CARES Act Spending, in hopes that my business, Catering by Helen, may receive some of the allocated funds for established local business. I am a local small business owner, who employs locally and serves our local community.

At the beginning of March, prior to COVID-19 becoming a nationwide emergency, we had ten large catering events with quantities of 300 to 600 booked, plus 30+ catering jobs that range from 40 to 150 people from Mid-March until the end of May. The events that normally schedule in June, July and August have not materialized. People just can't plan an event at this time, all weddings, etc. are all put on hold. This has resulted in the loss of tens of thousands of dollars.

In addition, to the catering events, Catering by Helen hosts concessions at the City's parks. Once COVID-19 started to affect Arizona, my previously booked events started to cancel without a reschedule date in-sight or at all. All the public events were also cancelled, along with any concession proceeds we anticipated. Although concessions are a very small portion of my business, it does employ five to eight people from our local economy. They are all currently unemployed. We unfortunately, lost all the inventory purchased for catering and the concessions.

Considering COVID-19, my team changed tactics, we started to provide home cooked meals on a to-go basis. We were able to purchase ingredients that the public was unable to source at a slightly higher rate. This came at a great cost to Catering by Helen because I felt it was our duty to keep prices low to promote higher quantities plus be of service to my community. However, with limited resources the public is very afraid to spend any additional money on things like eating out.

Here we are, 10+ weeks after the City of Maricopa declared a State of Emergency. Our community is so unsure of what the future brings, that they are not planning for months in advance. The summer season is historically the slowest time of the year for us and the restaurant/catering industry. We rely on revenue generated from the spring to pay for all our bills, employees etc. during this time. Since the reopening of Arizona, we have seen sales for our to-go meals flatten. We are unsure how we are going to survive the summer without some intervention. I humbly ask for \$50,000 to cover expenses – rent, utilities, insurance, etc. to carry my business from March through September, 2020. Hopefully, by October life returns to some semblance of normalcy and events and event booking return.

Sincerely,

Helen Ford - Catering by Helen

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Gerald Campbell <cgerald293@gmail.com> Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:09 AM Vanessa Bueras Please consider Be awesome!

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## CARES Act Proposal

#### Submitted by:

Dr. Donna Jagielski CEO and Educational Liaison, Maricopa Ak-Chin STEAM Foundation and supported by the Maricopa Ak-Chin STEAM Foundation

<u>Coordinator</u>: Jim Irving, Maricopa Ak-Chin STEAM Foundation, Community member and liaison for the development of the programs

Date: 06.02.2020

#### Background of Dr. Donna Jagielski

Dr. Donna Jagielski received her doctorate in education from ASU in 2016 with a focus on leadership and innovation. She has served the K-12 in two states over the past 20 years as a teacher and administrator. Over the past eight years she has developed STEM/STEAM based programs including makerspaces, coached teachers and connected communities with schools. She has been invited on numerous occasions to present at national conferences including ITEEA. She also serves on the executive board in the capacity of secretary of AzTEA (Arizona Technology Educators Association)

#### Population Served:

\_\_\_\_\_All schools in Maricopa, district and charter as well as all homeschooled populations. Since these programs are flexible in both programming, in response to COVID19, in relation to space and location. Because of the flexibility these programs will be able to serve students in a school setting f-2-f, staggered schedule and/or homeschooled. Several of these programs could be brought to both neutral general locations such as Copper Sky or specifically to schools during the times when students are in attendance. This will also meet the needs for social distancing since some students can be in the classroom while others can be attending these programs simultaneously.

#### Potential Number of Students/Families served:

Approximately 4,000 students/families will be served. An approximate breakdown will be: PreK - 2nd: 1,000 3rd - 5th: 1,500 6th - 8th: 1,000 9th- 12th: 500

#### General Description:

In the effort to provide STEAM based learning opportunities as well as sustain and grow such opportunities, especially in the unpredictable new world as a result of COVID19, such measures need to be flexible and agile to meet the new and varied demands created by these circumstances. These programs will support all options of learning including face-to-face, virtual and/or homeschooling. These approaches need to connect the community to learners and most

importantly provide equitable access. The platforms will encompass a hybrid of virtual and in person (with appropriate social distancing measure) opportunities.

Possible opportunities include the following:

## 1. Site Based STEAM Pop-ups

These pop-ups could be regularly scheduled or randomly scheduled, appearing in a variety of planned locations or again very randomly selected so as to attract smaller indoor audiences or in outdoor spaces (when it is cooler) to provide for greater social distancing.

Anticipated Cost: \$5,000

## 2. <u>Makerspace at Copper Sky/library</u>

These makerspaces can be either permanent or semi permanent providing for much greater flexibility for both the community and circumstances.

Anticipated Cost: \$7,000

3. <u>Mobile STEAM On the Go Bus</u> Since the bus is 'on the go' it provides a great deal of flexibility and ease of control on how many people can visit at any given time.

Anticipated Cost:

Bus purchase:\$5,000 (approximate purchase price)Insurance:\$1,000 (per year - liability insurance)Driver:\$10,000 (per year)Materials:\$13,000 (purchase price of materials and WiFi) see footnote

Total anticipated costs: \$29,000

#### Footnotes:

*Driver*: approximately 10 hour per week x \$15 per hour plus employer costs - \$200 per week = \$10,000 per year - who has also been trained to be the STEAM facilitator

*Materials:* WiFi approximately \$3,000; 8 devices (combination of Chromebooks; iPad/Mac) approximately \$4,000; 4 robotics sets approximately \$2,000; 2 drone sets, approximately \$2,000 and 4 VR kits approximately \$2,000

4. <u>Rocket Challenge extended to elementary level students</u> Middle school blended students have been involved in the rocket launches for several years now. Advantageous to build sustainability and growth by introducing and involving the elementary students in the program.

Anticipated Cost: \$5,000

Example of Implementation and flexibility of STEAM Pop-up Program:

In Person (f-2-f) Version	Digital/Virtual Version/Modifications
<ol> <li>A community organization or business would host the 'pop-up' relating it directly to their business (i.e. farm/AG science; local coffee - chemistry of mixing and culinary; hardware/building/construction, etc).</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Without the physical 'pop-up' a business could still host a 'pop-up' through an online medium to showcase how their business/industry relates and impacts STEAM and then pose a 'challenge' for the children and their families to work out together and possibly submit their outcomes via video/photo or narrative response.</li> </ol>
2. During the f-2-f exploration, pose the challenge to the children and their families attending and as they explore the challenge, video the experience so that the outcome is captured.	2. Then showcase the outcome to the challenge on a social media platform.

From: Sent: To: Subject: Dennis Allen <denny.allen@outlook.com> Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:21 PM Vanessa Bueras \$6 Million

Fix some of these roads that end up on a dirt path. Make more ways to get around and out of my neighborhood and housing area. It's almost a safety issue let alone a flood issue.

City of Maricopa 39700 West Civic Center Plaza Maricopa, AZ 85138

Attention: Mayor Christian Price Vice Mayor Nancy Smith

Re: CARES funding for Small Businesses in Maricopa

Hello Mayor and Vice-Mayor,

I'm writing today to inquire regarding CARES funding for small businesses in Maricopa and the process to apply for grant and/or loan money for the small business, Copa Resale, LLC dba Copa Cabana Boutique (CCB). My understanding is we may be eligible for one or both, but as we have not joined the Chamber yet (due to lack of funds), my knowledge is limited, so please bear with me.

CCB opened officially at the Maricopa Business Barn on February 7, 2020. We are a female owned business, with partners Marjory Dore and Donna Palumbo both residents of the City of Maricopa. Our intention was to provide an alternative shopping outlet for other women in Maricopa – and keeping tax dollars in town to sustain the city's growth.

Our first full month was very successful, having had enough sales to cover our rent and insurance. We were quite proud of our accomplishment, as we know many businesses struggle to even cover those basic costs. Then the unthinkable. We had to close our doors for about a month and a half due to COVID-19. With all of the unrest and restrictions still in place, this past month has been understandably difficult. We've found people are apprehensive about shopping, they don't have the money to shop and they have no idea we are here, because we had no money to advertise any further.

We are seeking \$9,200 from the CARES money to cover our costs until October 2020, when we are optimistic we will revert back to a more "normal" state. The \$9,200 will be spent between now and October as follows:

Rent: \$5,900 Insurance: \$300 Internet: \$250 Inventory: \$1,500 Advertising: \$1,000 Supplies/Miscellaneous: \$250

We are not asking any money for ourselves, just enough to keep the business open and running through October as mentioned above.

Please let us know if something further is needed to qualify for this assistance.

Much regards, Copa Cabana Boutique Marjory Dore and Donna Palumbo 602-702-8900 (Donna

From:	Nancy Smith
Sent:	Friday, May 29, 2020 9:21 AM
To:	Colleen Strom
Cc:	Christian Price; Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	Re: Cares Act Funds
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Colleen,

Thanks for the email and information.

I've cc'd our City Clerk, Vanessa, who will read your ideas into the record at the work session on Tuesday.

Thank you so much for also being willing to serve.

Stay safe, Nancy Smith

On May 29, 2020 7:34 AM, Colleen Strom <cas818@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Nancy. I hope you are well. I wanted to provide my input regarding the use of the Cares Act Funds. Apologies up front for the length of this email but I feel the need to be a bit detailed.

I realize there is a tendency to focus resources toward the largest number of community members which would be families and children in Maricopa. I think the funds are supposed to be used in support of community needs related to

pandemic restoration efforts and/or preparedness in the chance of another event?

I'd like to speak on behalf of Seniors in our community.

The thing that has been exaggerated as a result of the Stay at Home order and closures is the desperate isolation felt by Seniors, especially those who lost their spouses and are living alone. Long periods of isolation can have devastating effects on people. At least with families and children, they are together alone. Some Seniors are alone alone. I personally have struggled a bit with the incessant lack of social interaction and I'm sure my outlets are better than many other Seniors.

So, I'm advocating for some of these funds to go toward meeting the needs of our senior citizens in Maricopa. Perhaps there is a way to evaluate how this isolation has effected them to know the short and long term effects? Perhaps we can look at the data and ascertain how many of our seniors were hospitalized and how many died and then evaluate what would have been needed to prevent these adverse effects to our Seniors. I understand it's easier to see that kids missed school and needed laptops to get their lessons. But, do we know how many Seniors did not have the capability to stay connected to their family and friends? Could this lack of connectedness and inspection have contributed to their need for hospitalization? Is there opportunity there? With a little time and money, maybe we can determine how to protect our Seniors in the future.

In doing this evaluation we might determine how to put our new Senior/Veterans Center to the best use. Maybe there are things we can put in place there to come to the needs our our vulnerable citizens during these types of crisis.

There's one other thing to consider. I wrote to you early on in this pandemic about my concerns related to the lack of hygiene in one of our grocery stores. If we've learned nothing else, it's that it's obvious that more education is needed in our community related to safety, hygiene and exposure. I urge the Council to put aside some of these funds for community education, including our local businesses.

Lastly, I believe it's not enough to just talk, but to also contribute. So, I'll mention that I was a nurse and nurse executive for 45 years and a quality officer for the last 10 years of my career. I know the value of data, surveillance and education. I'm very willing to assist in any of these efforts as needed. I'm a committed member of our community.

Best, Colleen Strom

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Chrystal Allen-O'Jon <chrysallenojon@aol.com> Thursday, May 28, 2020 5:52 PM Vanessa Bueras MVCC wants to participate in the City of Maricopa AZCares Fund Discussion on 6/2/2020 @ PM</chrysallenojon@aol.com>
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Maricopa Veteran Care Center:VA HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER OF AZ, We are registered with AZ Corp Commission - 82-3338661 5013c\*\*

Veteran suicide risk could increase as COVID-19 pandemic diminishes, experts warn - that's where we come in.

https://connectingvets.radio.com/articles/veteran-suicide-risk-could-increase-after-covid19-pandemic

Based on our 5013c goal to provide emotional support to our Veterans during and after this epidemic we will go and discuss the following ways we can help:

## Maricopa Veteran's Care Center Counseling Program will provide:

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- 3. Bi-Weekly Support Group for Veterans Mondays or Thursdays from 6:30 7:30pm
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- 8. Bi-Weekly Support Group for Veterans Family Members Mondays or Thursdays 6:30 7:30

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23.	Quarterly Presentations on topics such as Stress Management, Financial
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28.	Quarterly Basic Health Opportunities - Dental, Hearing, Vision and Medical
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33.	Provide Resources such as Books, Videos, Programs
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38.	Collect Data to monitor needs and trends through a written Needs
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## Maricopa Veterans Care Center Counseling Volunteers

**Amber Liermann** - Licensed Professional Counselor. 20 years experience. Grandfather served in the Army. My Father and 2 Brothers served in the Air Force. My Son was recently accepted into Devil Pups and is applying to the Air Force Academy. My friend, Shane Parker served in the Marines. My family and friends inspire me to meet the needs of Veterans and their families.

## Rob HeiRobert Heinz, LMSW

34 year old male, Army Veteran

Graduated ASU with Masters of Social Work in 2015

I have almost five years of experience working with Veterans, and their families.

Trained in/Can assist with Trauma Treatment, Depression/Anxiety with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and relationship difficulties.

Respectfully,

Kent & Chrystal Allen-O'Jon https://ojonenterprises.com/ & O'Jon Terrace LLC Text:615-569-9138

From: Sent: To: Subject: Chris Leon <pcleon225@gmail.com> Tuesday, June 2, 2020 11:33 AM Vanessa Bueras Please consider Be awesome!

Be awesome has made a difference in my son's life. I am am so thankful for thementoeing him for the last two years! With the future of partner programs with the school district still in the air due to Covid 19 I am asking you to consider Be Awesome for local Cares Act funds. These funds can help them transition to a community based model instead of a school based mentoring model. My child participated with the school based model and it was valuable to our child and family. Thank you for considering Be Awesome.

Chris Leon

Student Ministries Pastor

[M] (520)213-6280

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Community Of Hope Church

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From:	Ceyla Azevedo <ceyla.twobrothersfarmfresh@gmail.com></ceyla.twobrothersfarmfresh@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, June 3, 2020 5:53 AM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	Be Awesome!!
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Thank you so much for your time,

Sent from my iPhone

From:	carole kempermann <carolekempermann@gmail.com></carolekempermann@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 1, 2020 2:46 PM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	Cares act spending
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Dear Mayor and City Council

I think a certain amount of money should be given as grants to the businesses that went all out for their communities and their workers in Maricopa

One in particular Native Grill and Wing's in Maricopa, Pat Kierney the owner sold wings buy 10 get 10 free where's his profit in that?? Plus many other similar specials!! Why?? Because he wanted his clientele to come support his business so he could support his workers and actually helping feed his customers before they got any money from unemployment or PUA.

I'm sure everyone was happy and grateful but let's face it it cost him to do that so as the City Council and the Mayor decide what to do with that money remember these businesses deserve a break and money to infuse their business and in lieu of this new "epidemic" happening let's as the city of Maricopa give it to them willingly and with pride.

Others are Frys supermarkets, Freddie's subs (who supplied free lunches to the workers of frys) plus many others Sincerely Carole Kempermann Proud Resident of Maricopa

From:
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Bridgette Byers <bridgetteabyers@gmail.com> Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:57 AM Vanessa Bueras Be Awesome

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Thank you Bridgette Byers

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Brandi Homan <bhoman@beawesomeyouth.life> Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:39 PM Vanessa Bueras Cares Act- Be Awesome

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Brandí Homan Be Awesome Co-Founder, Finance Director P.O. Box 144 Maricopa, AZ 85139 520.428.6633 BeAwesomeYouth.life

From:	Anthony Gonzale
Sent:	Tuesday, June 2, 2
То:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	CARES Act Consid

Anthony Gonzalez <agonzalez@beawesomeyouth.life> Fuesday, June 2, 2020 11:10 AM /anessa Bueras FARES Act Consideration

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Thank you for your time,

## Anthony Gonzalez

Be Awesome Co-Founder, Program Coordinator

PO BOX 144 Maricopa, AZ 85139 520-428-1441



From:	Andre LaFond <andre-lafond@outlook.com></andre-lafond@outlook.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:58 PM
To:	Vanessa Bueras
Subject:	CARES Funds
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Hi Vanessa,

I wanted to share my view on the use of CARES Act funds with the council.

1. I would like to see a portion put towards assisting local charities such as the Maricopa Food Bank.

2. I would like to see a portion go towards hiring an additional School Resource Officer.

3. I would like to see the majority of the funds put towards the construction of a "town center" business area. This would be geared towards offering small businesses in Maricopa the opportunity to obtain affordable and consumer friendly store/business fronts. The cost of business space is higher in Maricopa than Scottsdale. This prevents small businesses from easily moving from home based to commercial space opportunities. The tax revenue along with the economic growth would be a great benefit to our city.

Thank you,

Andre LaFond

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Amber Liermann <amberdianne@msn.com> Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:56 AM Vanessa Bueras Local Cares Act Funds

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#### Good Morning,

I am writing to encourage you to consider Be Awesome Youth Coalition for local Cares Act Funds. My 7th grade Son receives mentoring services from Be Awesome. He has an amazing connection with his Mentor, Mr. Anthony. Mr. Anthony has called Trey regularly to check on him over the past few months. They talked on the phone for an hour one time, which I didn't think was possible with a 12 year old boy. He took him on a walk at Copper Sky and brought Trey balloons for his 13th birthday at the Drive in movie Be Awesome sponsored at Copper Sky. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Trey from their cars. It made him feel very special and less alone during this time. Trey also went on a Virtual Field Trip, seeing reptiles and other animals. He participated the whole time, which impressed me.

One time at the end of a Bowling event Be Awesome sponsored, we were walking out and Trey said, "Oh Mom, wait, I need to go say good-bye and thank you to Mr. Anthony". Trey ran back and gave Mr. Anthony a big hug (this was prior to COVID). This really caught my attention because Trey is not a very affectionate boy and I rarely get hugs, even with begging  $\bigcirc$ 

I see the valuable connection Trey has made with Mr. Anthony. It gives me comfort as a parent knowing Trey has another trusted adult to go to for support when he may not feel comfortable coming to his Dad or I.

Another opportunity Be Awesome provides youth are leadership opportunities which are invaluable to their futures!

Thank you for considering this amazing organization for these funds. I know my Son would be negatively impacted from the loss of support from BE Awesome in his life.

Amber Liermann Parent

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

Amber Flores <amflores@musd20.org> Tuesday, June 2, 2020 1:35 PM Vanessa Bueras Cares Act Funds

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Good afternoon! With the future of program space on school campuses up in the air due to Covid 19 I am asking you to consider the Be Awesome Youth Coalition for local Cares Act funds. They have provided opportunities for my daughter to connect with other positive community teen leaders and make a difference as a Teen Team volunteer. A space for them to meet is beneficial so they can continue to provide positive examples and a safe space for the youth in our community. My son has also participated in the school-based mentoring program offered by Be Awesome. They have given him additional social-emotional support throughout the shutdown and have been an ally for him throughout his years in elementary school. The funds from the Cares Act can help Be Awesome transition to a community based model and benefit more local families with their services. Thank you for your consideration.

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## **Amber Flores**

Chemistry Teacher Student Council Advisor Link Crew Support Maricopa High School 520-568-8100 ext. 4071

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