

**City of Simi Valley
Staff Report**

April 6, 2026

To: City Council

From: Department of Environmental Services
Stratis Perros, Environmental Services Director

Subject: Appointment to the Community Projects Grant Review Committee

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve and the Mayor appoint the seven nominees to the Community Projects Grant Review Committee, with terms commencing upon appointment and concluding when the City Council awards the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Community Projects Grant funding.

Background

The City Council created the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee (Review Committee) in February 2017. The Review Committee is comprised of seven representatives, including one from each of the four Neighborhood Councils, the Youth Council, the Council On Aging, and the Community-At-Large.

The Review Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on Waste Management's annual allocation of \$150,000 to the City's Community Projects Grant Program, which provides funding to local non-profit organizations serving Simi Valley. The application window for project grant applications closed on January 30, 2026, allowing all potential Review Committee members to identify any conflicts of interest before being appointed, to ensure that the Committee performs its duties objectively.

Discussion

Each of the City's advisory boards nominated representatives to serve on the Review Committee at its regular meetings in March 2026.

The recruitment for the Community-At-Large representative began on February 2, 2026, and concluded on February 16, 2026. A total of nine applications were received, and eight applicants were invited to interview. Only six applicants participated due to scheduling conflicts. Council Member Judge and Council Member Rhodes conducted interviews on March 11, 2026, and nominated one Community-At-Large representative.

The following nominees are recommended for appointment to the Review Committee, with terms beginning on April 6, 2026, and concluding upon the City Council's award of FY 2026-27 CPG funding. The application for the recommended Community-At-Large

nominee is included for reference (Attachment A). All other nominees were selected by their respective advisory boards.

Representative Position	Nominating Entity	Nominee
Neighborhood Council #1	Neighborhood Council #1	Paul Chandler
Neighborhood Council #2	Neighborhood Council #2	Gayle Sutton
Neighborhood Council #3	Neighborhood Council #3	Steve Busco
Neighborhood Council #4	Neighborhood Council #4	Deanna Block
Council On Aging	Council On Aging	David Lewis
Youth Council	Youth Council	Aman Sreejith
Community-At-Large	City Council Interview Subcommittee	Nadia Krupansky

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts.

City Council Priority

This item supports the City Council's Thriving Community Pillar of Excellence.

Suggested Motion

I move to approve, and have the Mayor appoint the seven nominees to the Community Projects Grant Review Committee with terms commencing upon appointment and concluding when the City Council awards the FY 2026-27 CPG funding.

Summary

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Attachment

Attachment A - Application

NADIA KRUPANSKY

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Applications are now being accepted for the at-large community representative to serve on the CPG Review Committee. Applications must be submitted by Monday, February 16, 2026. Applicants will be interviewed by a committee of two City Council Members and one applicant will be recommended to serve on the committee. Interviews are anticipated to take place in March of 2026.

The CPG Review Committee reviews funding requests from local 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations for projects and programs serving the community and makes recommendations to the City Council for funding awards. The CPG Review Committee consists of one representative from each of the four Neighborhood Councils, one representative from the Council On Aging, one representative from the Youth Council, and one representative from the community. Representatives are nominated by their representing committee and are appointed by the City Council. Terms for the representatives end when the City Council awards the annual funding.

All of the CPG Review Committee representatives will be recommended for appointment at the April 6, 2026 City Council meeting. Tentative meeting dates for the CPG Review Committee have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on April 15, 2026 and April 22, 2026.

*** 1. Name**

Nadia Krupansky

*** 2. Address**

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

*** 3. Phone**

[REDACTED]

*** 4. Email**

[REDACTED]

*** 5. Are you a resident of Simi Valley?**

Yes

*** 6. Are you familiar with the Community Projects Grant Program?**

Yes

6a. If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain your experience with the program.

I am only familiar with Community Projects Grant Program. I know that it is funding available for local non profits that provide resources/services to improve our community.

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*** 7a. Do you currently have or have you previously had involvement with any of the non-profit organizations listed below?**

Yes

Please note that involvement does not automatically preclude an individual's eligibility to serve on the Review Committee. However, it is necessary to identify involvement with grant applicants up front to ensure that no conflicts of interests exist prior to Review Committee members being appointed.

List of organizations that applied and are being considered for funding are as follows:

Autism Society Ventura County
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County
 Body Brain Train
 Boys & Girls Club of Moorpark & Simi Valley
 Cancer Support Community Valley/Ventura/Santa Barbara
 Community Partners
 For the Need Foundation
 Forever Found
 Gavin's Village Foundation
 GiGi's Playhouse Simi Valley
 Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association
 Many Mansions
 New Beginnings Church
 Nikao Imani Productions
 Sarah's House
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
 Simi Sunrise Rotary Charity Foundation
 Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation
 Simi Valley Football Booster Club Inc.
 Simi Valley Girls Softball
 Simi Valley Hospital & Health Care Services
 Simi Valley Library Foundation
 Simi Valley Woman's Club
 Soroptimist International of Simi Valley
 Southeast Ventura County YMCA
 Spirit Life Church of Jesus Christ
 The Samaritan Center - Simi Valley
 Vets & Valor

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7b. If you answered yes to question no. 7a, please describe your involvement. Indicate the dates and organization. Please provide a description for all applicable organizations.

One of my children attended the Boys and Girls Club aftercare program. This was over 5 years ago. I have also volunteered in the past (about 3 years ago) at the Samaritan Center with my daughter for a school project.

*** 8. Have you previously served on any non-profit organization boards or committees?**

No

8a. If you answered yes, please list the boards and/or committees you previously served on and the dates served.

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*** 9. Why are you interested in serving as a member of the Community Projects Grant Review Committee?**

I have been a resident of Simi Valley for over 40 years. I care deeply about our community and would love to be part team that ensures we are meeting the needs of our residents.

The review and recommendation process will require two to three public meetings during the months of April and May. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and the second meeting tentatively on May 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at the Simi Valley Public Library Community Room, located at 2969 Tapo Canyon Road. Both meetings will range approximately a few hours.

*** 10. Do you have any concerns with being able to attend the above referenced meetings?**

No

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11. Please add any additional information you would like considered.

Thank you for considering me for this opportunity. I have a mother of three girls ages 10, 12 and 15. I love being a part of the Simi Valley Community and would love to give back to the community. I have experience for working with federal grants that provide services to families in LA County. I would love to use some of my skills to assist my own community.

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12. Applicant's Digital Signature: By entering my name in the box provided, I am submitting my application to serve as a Community Projects Grant Review Committee Member at Large.

Nadia Krupansky

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Community Projects Grant Review Committee.