

**Measure X Community Advisory Board Funding Priority Recommendations
to the Board of Supervisors
April 11, 2024**

At the March 20, 2024 meeting of the Measure X Community Advisory Board (MXCAB), the members voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the \$28 million in available one-time Measure X funding be allocated to the following priorities in response to data identifying unmet community needs.

Funding recommendations for \$28 million in one-time Measure X funds:

- Services to meet the urgent needs of African American residents in Contra Costa, including additional funds for the African American Holistic Wellness and Resource Hub services for African American families, and a parent resource center.
- Funding for the Innovation Fund.
- Funding for Guaranteed Income pilots throughout the county.
- Community-based training and employment services.
- Community-based mental health services for at-risk and under-served populations, with a particular focus on LGBTQI+ residents and Asian-American/Pacific Islander communities.
- Community-based services focusing on restorative justice and services for those re-entering the community from incarceration, including pre-release and post-release services.
- Community-based services for seniors and disabled residents, including programs that increase food security for seniors.
- Supportive housing subsidies for unhoused and housing-insecure youth and young adults, including those aging out of foster care or re-entering the community following incarceration.
- Vegetation management for fire prevention.
- Abuse prevention and support.

These funding priorities were informed by intensive community input over several months in 2023 and early 2024, including both written and verbal public comments at nine monthly Advisory Board meetings, at which we heard testimony from more than 200 members of the public.

We also analyzed three years of public input, MXCAB funding recommendations, and funding decisions by the Board of Supervisors in order to identify prior MXCAB recommendations that have not yet been funded. We were especially interested in identifying funding priorities that have been lifted up in all three years of our work but have not yet been funded, with guaranteed income and senior services as two examples.

At the March 20, 2024 MXCAB meeting, we conducted an online poll of the MXCAB members who were present. (See attached document summarizing poll results.) After further discussion and public comment, a motion to recommend funding the community needs as described above was proposed and unanimously adopted.

Core Values and Operating Principles

Our recommendations continue to elevate the core values and operating principles that have guided MXCAB's work over the past three years. These principles and values include:

1. Holding a shared responsibility to practice core values of equity, justice, inclusion, and compassion
2. Recognizing the importance of a strong safety net
3. Addressing prevention as well as current system gaps
4. Actively seeking transformational ideas
5. Leveraging other funding sources
6. Prioritizing the perspectives of residents most impacted by community needs, with a recognition that solutions must be interconnected and intersectional
7. Naming inequities and disparities, and recognizing those most harmed (especially by anti-Black racism)
8. Recognizing that economic opportunity and equity are at the heart of our work
9. Creating a culture of inclusion, welcoming, and belonging

Focusing on community-based services

Given that a majority of ongoing Measure X funding to date has been allocated to County departments and programs, we urge the Board of Supervisors to focus this current pool of one-time funding on programs and services that are provided by organizations that are located in the communities being served, and ideally that are staffed and led by people who reflect and embody those being served. We also encourage the County to allocate these sales tax funds as expeditiously as possible, in order to ensure maximum impact in addressing urgent community needs.

Summary of Results for March 20, 2024 MXCAB Priorities Survey to inform
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Please select your top 10 priorities from this list of 25 unfunded MXCAB recommendations from the past three years.

Rank	Q1 Priorities	Votes
1	African American Holistic Wellness Hub (additional funding)	14
2	Innovation Fund expansion	12
3	Community-based mental health for LGBTQI+	11
3	Community-based training & employment	11
3	Guaranteed income pilot	11
6	Community-based mental health services (at-risk populations)	9
6	Mental health services for AAPI community	9
6	Permanent housing subsidies for youth/young adults	9
9	Abuse prevention and support	8
9	Community-based restorative justice	8
11	Community-based reentry support services	6
11	Discretionary funds for Child Protective Services & foster youth	6
11	Seasonal fire staffing	6
11	Services for children with disabilities	6
15	Services for LGBTQI+ residents (beyond mental health)	5
16	Community-based substance use treatment	4
16	East County multi-agency center for disabled residents	4
16	Family support services	4
16	Removal defense and case management for immigrant residents	4
20	Multicultural wellness center for Nepali/AAPI residents	3
20	Reimagine public safety initiative - countywide	3
22	East County community-based equity center	2
22	Public Defender front-end advocacy teams	2
22	Rental assistance for immigrants	2
25	Community-based asylum for LGBTQI+/other immigrants	1

Total Votes

160

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You are welcome to select up to 5 additional priorities from this list of 43 additional one-time funding requests received from county staff and community members over the past three years.

Rank	Q2 Priorities	Votes
1	Community-based services for seniors & disabled	6
1	Food security for seniors	6
1	Fire/vegetation management	6
4	Supportive housing for unhoused residents	5
5	Black women and girls initiative	4
5	Funding to support re-entry population (pre-release & post-release services,	4
5	Legal services for seniors	4
8	Affordable home ownership for low-income residents	3
8	Community-based support for youth aging out of foster care	3
8	Community-based workforce development services & training	3
8	Wrap-around services for currently/recently unhoused residents	3
12	Animal services (animal enrichment, shelter intervention, community outreach	2
12	Asthma home visiting program	2
12	Healthcare for remaining uninsured	2
12	Helicopter for fire season	2
12	LGBTQI+ youth programs/supports	2
12	Mental health services for residents most harmed by war on drugs	2
12	Permanent, interim, & transitional housing that is affordable	2
12	Recovery house for residents with substance use disorder	2
12	Rental assistance for low-income residents	2
12	Support for LGBTQI+ residents' basic needs including housing, food	2
12	West County fire training facility	2
23	911 emergency communications (back-up Emergency Operations Center)	1
23	Adult education for seniors in West County	1
23	Asian American/Pacific Islander health study	1
23	Black parent resource center	1
23	District Attorney's Underserved Unserved Survivors Support Program (emerç	1
23	East Bay radio communications system	1
23	Rehabilitate units for low-income residents	1
23	Services to help residents develop plan to move out of poverty	1
23	Supports for LGBTQI+ seniors	1
23	Transitional homes for residents returning after incarceration	1
23	Wrap-around services for BIPOC/other marginalized LGBTQI+ residents	1
34	Asian American/Pacific Islander initiative to address hate speech	0
34	Ballot disclosures project (voter education)	0
34	District Attorney's Auto-focused Crime Eliminator Task Force pilot	0
34	Family support center (mental health)	0
34	HIV education & prevention	0
34	LGBTQI+ community center	0
34	Parent education to address African American achievement gaps	0
34	Richmond Reimagining Public Safety initiative	0
34	Support for transgender residents	0
34	Youth services - general	0

Total votes

80