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City Clerk's Office
Attn: Deputy City Clerk Maria Ditmore
221 W. Pine Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Re: Proposal Letter – Request for Council Non-Profit Fund Support

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Lodi City Council,

On behalf of The Child Abuse Prevention Council and our CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Program, thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding through the City Council Non-Profit Fund. The CAPC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. CASA is dedicated to ensuring that every child in foster care has the support of a caring, trained advocate who stands by them in court, in school, and in life. Our mission is to give children in foster care a voice and the stability they need to thrive.

Project Description – CASA Superhero Run & Community Health Fair (“Superhero Alley”)

On **September 26, 2026**, CASA will host the **12th Annual CASA Superhero Run** at **Lodi Lake**. This event raises awareness and critical funding for youth in foster care, while also providing a direct benefit to the community through **Superhero Alley**, one of the largest community health resource fairs in Lodi.

Superhero Alley brings together **over 30 resource vendors** from across San Joaquin County, offering free health screenings, wellness information, Head Start and First 5 programs, housing and homelessness resources, and family-strengthening services. The fair promotes healthy living while connecting families to vital programs — all at no cost to attendees.

Alignment with City Council Strategic Priorities

This project directly advances the Council's 2025–2026 Strategic Vision by:

- **Public Safety / Quality of Life** – Connecting families to prevention and wellness services that reduce risks and improve long-term outcomes.
- **Support a Healthy Community** – Providing free health education, screenings, and early childhood resources (First 5, Head Start).
- **Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness** – Featuring local housing agencies and homelessness prevention partners that offer immediate resources to vulnerable residents.

Funding Request

We respectfully request **\$10,000** from the Council Non-Profit Fund to help offset the costs of hosting the Community Health Fair at the CASA Superhero Run. Requested funds will cover essential expenses, including the Lodi Lake site rental, sound system rental, tables and chairs, signage, and outreach materials.



Proposed Budget

Vendor / Source	Amount	Description
Amazon	\$100	Gift bags & table covers
Smart & Final	\$100	Event supplies (water, snacks, misc.)
Walmart	\$150	Event supplies (decorations, materials)
Lodi News Sentinel	\$500	Superhero Run advertisements
Harbor Signs & Graphics	\$700	4'x8' coroplast signs w/ grommets
Giuffera's Party Rental	\$500	80 chairs & 40 tables
Harbor Signs & Graphics	\$150	Additional signage for SHR
City of Lodi – Lodi Lake	\$2,850	Venue rental for Superhero Run & Health Fair
Sound System Rental	\$2,500	Audio equipment for announcements, music, and program flow
Total Identified Costs	\$7,500	
Additional Supplies & Contingency	\$2,500	Tents, volunteer support, extra signage, and unanticipated needs
Total Requested	\$10,000.	

Budget Justification


The CASA Superhero Run and Community Health Fair is one of the largest community resource events in Lodi, requiring significant logistical support to ensure accessibility and impact. While identified costs currently total **\$7,500**, the requested **\$10,000** allows CASA to cover essential event infrastructure for safety and program management, and also provides a contingency for tents, volunteer support, and other unanticipated expenses. This ensures the event is safe, welcoming, and impactful for more than **600 attendees and 30+ community health vendors**.

Objectives & Measurement of Success

- Provide space and visibility for at least **30 health and resource vendors**.
- Serve a minimum of **600 Lodi residents**, including families and vulnerable populations.
- Distribute **wellness and resource information** to attendees.
- Collect vendor surveys to evaluate increased awareness of services and measure event impact.

Community Benefit

Every day in San Joaquin County, nearly two children enter foster care. CASA's advocacy ensures they have stability, mentorship, and a voice — and the Superhero Run directly funds that advocacy. The **Superhero Alley Community Health Fair** also delivers a powerful benefit to Lodi residents by bringing together more than 30 local health and resource providers in one place, connecting families with free screenings, wellness information, housing and homelessness prevention resources, and early childhood programs such as Head Start and First 5.



By helping to offset the infrastructure costs of hosting this fair — including venue, sound system, equipment, and signage — City funding allows CASA to dedicate more of the event's proceeds directly to its mission of serving foster youth. In this way, Council support not only strengthens the health and well-being of Lodi families through expanded access to resources but also increases the long-term impact of CASA's child advocacy program.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your commitment to strengthening the Lodi community. We would be honored to partner with the City Council to make this year's CASA Superhero Run and Community Health Fair a success.

Respectfully submitted,

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