

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: June 16, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager

BY: Orlando Acevedo, Director of Development Services
Connor Biggerstaff, Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: 2026-27 Community Assistance Program (CAP) Final Rankings and Funding Recommendations

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Review the Community Assistance Program (CAP) application rankings as recommended by the City Council Advisory Committee (CCAC); and
2. Approve the recommended funding allocations for FY 2026-27.

BACKGROUND

The Community Assistance Program (CAP) is available for public service programs and projects that assist Hesperia residents through services related to food, clothing, shelter, medical needs, youth services, differently abled services, seniors and veterans. CAP is funded through the City's General Fund and managed by the Economic Development division.

On June 17, 2025, upon the certification of the FY 2025-26 CAP application ranking, City Council provided direction to staff to increase the program's funding amount to \$75,000. During a subsequent Council meeting, on August 5, 2025, the Council reaffirmed support of the increased funding allocation.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Eligible CAP applicants must meet the program requirements established by the City Council and demonstrate the ability to provide qualifying public services benefiting Hesperia residents.

Priority funding categories include:

- Food & Clothing Services
- Unhoused Services
- Youth/Foster Care Services
- Disability Services
- Senior/Veteran Services
- Animal Care Services

Eligible applicants must also:

- Be a non-profit organization with tax-exempt status;
- Serve City of Hesperia residents (must meet 75% of stated unduplicated goal in application during the CAP NOFA period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027);
- Must require clients to complete Client Intake Forms;
- Provide the following documentation with the application:

- Copy of current Articles of Incorporation for the organization;
- Copy of by-laws for the organization (as of 2026);
- Non-profit Determination Letter from the IRS for the organization;
- Organizational Chart for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the program/project;
- List of Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the program/project.

Applications determined to be eligible were reviewed and ranked by the CCAC prior to City Council consideration based on established program priorities, organizational capacity, and community benefit. Final ranking recommendations from the CCAC are documented in attachment 3, *CCAC Final Ranking Sheet*. A summary of the top 10 recommendations are detailed below:

Community Assistance Program FY 2026-27 CCAC Final Ranking Recommendation

Rank	Organization	Total Score
1.	Call for Life Pregnancy Help Center	467.0
2.	Little Lambs Resource Group	462.0
3.	Holy Family Church Food Pantry	449.0
4.	New Life Chapel Food Pantry	444.0
5.	High Desert Animal Coalition	443.0
6.	God's Hand Extended	437.0
7.	Restore Unity Incorporated	419.0
8.	Moses House Ministries	408.0
9.	Assistance League of Victor Valley	402.0
10.	Welcome to America, Inc.	370.0

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Future Development - Facilitate balanced growth to ensure cohesive community development and pursue economic development.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this program in the amount of up to \$75,000 is included in the FY 2026-27 Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution No. 2026-27
2. CCAC Final Ranking Sheet
3. CAP NOFA
4. Applicant Notebooks (Binders provided under separate cover)