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South El Monte Awarded Grant to Establish A New City Commission for the Advancement of Women and Girls

South El Monte, CA- Today, March 15, 2022, on Equal Pay Day, the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG) announced that the City of South El Monte is a recipient of a \$25,000 grant established by a new \$5 million grant program to assist organizations serving women and girls who have been disproportionately affected economically by the ongoing pandemic. Grants were awarded in five areas to direct service providers, local women's commissions, and government entities seeking to establish and expand local women's commissions and nonprofits serving primarily women and girls.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these challenges for women across the state, and the world. That’s why we are proud to administer the state’s first-of-its-kind grant opportunity dedicated to Women’s economy recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic,” said CCSWG director Holly Martinez.

“This small city, that is located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley, has shown tremendous initiative efforts in providing leadership and career opportunities for women and growth and development activities for girls,” stated Senator Susan Rubio.

“The City of South El Monte is honored to be one of the few cities in California to be awarded with the Women’s Recovery Response Grant,” said one City Official. “Women and girls are valued members of the South El Monte community and having an elected female Mayor and Councilmember and an

appointed female city manager shows that women in leadership are embraced, trusted and have proven successful results.”

With the grant, the City of South El Monte intends to lead the efforts, including special meetings, events, and promotion, to create a new Commission for the Advancement of Women and Girls that will identify areas to improve the quality of life for all women and girls in the City by providing educational, health and wellness, justice and financial advancements and opportunities. The new commission will work in an open, collaborative, and culturally inclusive manner for the betterment of all women and girls who live, work or visit the City. In collaboration with local residents and agencies who support and assist women, the City will engage the community and facilitate the development of the mission, goals, structure and program and event planning.

Members of the new commission will be appointed in January 2023.

Visit our City website cityofsouthelmonte.org for updates on this upcoming new commission.

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