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POLICY TITLE: 5070
POLICY NUMBER: EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF GRANTS

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POLICY:

5070 In times of emergency and disaster, the Beach Cities Health District ("District") may allocate funding to address disaster relief efforts to support the communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. Grant allocation for emergency and disaster response will be granted in an expedited fashion to be responsive to the community need. These grants will comply with AB 2019 guidelines and be allocated through a call for applications and competitive selection process.

GUIDELINES:

5070.1 Emergency and Disaster Relief Grants are outside of the District's traditional grant allocation processes and may only be awarded in response to a crisis that warrants the activation of the District Operations Center as outlined in the District's Emergency Operation Plan.

5070.2 Emergency and Disaster Relief Grants may be awarded to non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions (e.g., cities, police departments, fire departments) based on specific operational and recovery objectives and priorities as determined by District Operations Center. The Board may designate a specific funding amount for emergency and disaster relief grants, at its discretion, to support and maintain the health of the community consistent with the powers and mission of the District. The number of grant recipients will depend on the funding allocation and number of qualified grant applicants and their funding requests. Non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions that have been awarded grant funding from the District in the past are eligible to apply for Emergency and Disaster Relief grants provided they are in good standing.

5070.3 A grant application form shall be made available to applicants. Grant applications will open for a competitive process and will be selected based on their ability and commitment to fill community health related service gaps to address the community's needs in the emergency or disaster. Requests must meet the criteria established within the scope of the District Operations Centers' operational and recovery objectives. Selected grantees will be allocated designated funding in a lump sum. Grantee shall provide written assurance that the funds will be spent consistently with the grant application and the mission and purpose of the District.

5070.4 Grant applications may be deemed ineligible for consideration of District funding if funds have been designated for any of the following:

5070.4.1 Endowments
5070.4.2 Sponsorships of charitable events
5070.4.3 Expenses related to fundraising or lobbying of public officials or other political purposes
5070.4.4 Organizations intending to "pass-through" or re-grant District funds to other organizations
5070.4.5 Basic research, defined herein as the pursuit of knowledge without immediate practical program or human applications
5070.4.6 Sectarian purposes
5070.4.7 Individuals
5070.4.8 Replacements funds so that a project's current funding can be shifted to other programs of the applicant

5070.5 Applicants associated with foundations that are sponsored or controlled by existing District grant recipients are not eligible to apply for additional funding.

5070.6 Individual meetings regarding grant applications between a grant applicant and District Board members, CEO or District staff outside of the District's established grant awards process are prohibited.

5070.7 Grant awards shall be posted on the District's website.

5070.8 The applicant must sign an agreement and submit a final summary report at the completion of the project which shall include a detailed description of how the funds were expended and outcome metrics. District personnel shall review the report to assure that funds were spent consistently with the grant application and the mission and purpose of the district.

EXCEPTIONS:

5070.9 The Chief Executive Officer is the only person authorized to make exceptions to this policy.