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Dear Mayor and Council,

The following information was requested by the City of San Luis for grant money given to PPEP, Inc. in the amount of 30,000 in support of the PPEP YouthBuild Program. The request is for program year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. The program is currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> month of the current year of funding. Therefore, the grant has not been completely expended at this time, as there are still 4 months in this program year and spending cycle.

Attached to this letter are expenditures through February 28, 2023. Current expenditures equal 15,000, with 15,000 left in the budget for the months of March 2023 – June 2023, which is allocated and will be spent down. Also attached is the current AmeriCorps budget showing Required Match amounts throughout the budget and itemized on the last page.

Funds provided to the PPEP YouthBuild program in the amount of 30,000 are used for **REQUIRED MATCH** to qualify for AmeriCorps funding for the San Luis youth served in the PPEP YouthBuild program. Currently the City of San Luis funding of 30,000 and the approved State Discretionary funding of 30,000 PPEP receives each year, fulfills the 60,000 Required Match Money (50% match required) to be eligible to apply for and receive the 60,000 AmeriCorps Funding in support of the San Luis YouthBuild Program. You will see that match funding from San Luis helps to pay a percentage of Staff Salaries, Youth Training Stipends, Youth training and Wrap around support services, necessary program supplies and other required classroom training, which consists of first aid/CPR, and OSHA 10 Safety. Because we are able to leverage AmeriCorps funding and Match dollars received, we are able to also offer and pay for NCCER National Construction credential, Job readiness classes and hands on Construction of low-income affordable housing, which is considered a pre-apprenticeship program.

This funding leverages additional funding to offset costs for GED testing and study materials needed, so youth can focus on their studies, and training, and graduate instead of leaving the program to work in the fields. As you will see in the budget that is prepared for the AmeriCorps grant, it gives a clear picture of how City of San Luis grant funds are used to leverage more and provide youth an opportunity to not only to gain their GED, but to attend college through an AmeriCorps scholarship that is gained through participation in this program through the Community Services activities youth are involved in. This includes fundraising to purchase and plant trees in the Parks of the City of San Luis, providing avenues to collect needed food for the community food bank, the building of low-income affordable housing in the San Luis area in partnership with the Comite and so much more.

In this current program year, we have 24 students enrolled in the YouthBuild program and are working on 5 additional enrollments that will carry over into next year. These 24 students are learning a trade in the field of construction and gaining certification in four different areas, to include OSHA Safety, First Aid/CPR, NCCER, and a GED. They receive Job Readiness training to prepare them when it is time to fill out applications, write a resume and interview for a job through Mock Interviewing.

Currently, we have eleven (11) students from our last class that graduated and are now attending AWC to obtain a post-secondary education degree that was made available through San Luis Match Funding. We cannot express enough how important the City of San Luis funding has been to provide needed match funds to leverage additional funding in support of education and training for youth living in the San Luis area.

In the attached YouthBuild/AmeriCorps budget, you will see how we have budgeted the funds received from the City of San Luis, along with additional dollars that are available because of funds from the city of San Luis. Funding covers partial cost of 2 staff members (Youth Navigator/Case Manager and GED Instructor), while other funding picks up the rest and pays for additional construction trainers and a program coordinator.

The City of San Luis funding is specifically used as Required Match funding, is tracked and is reported to our AmeriCorps funder, and is then reported to the federal government. Through our AmeriCorps grant, scholarships are made available that offer students the opportunity and a way to begin their post-secondary journey. By being involved in community service projects, students can earn a 1600.00 Post-Secondary College Scholarship that is good for 7 years, once completing 450 hours of service in the program. This equates to a 48,000-dollar ROI in scholarships for 30 San Luis Youth to continue with their career pathway. It also provides a return on investment though services to the community, as student give back by providing over 9,000 hours of service annually to projects within San Luis and some of the neighboring communities in South County.

<b>MATCH SOURCES</b>				
<b>Name of Source</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Source Type</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
City of San Luis	Cash	State/Local	Percentage of staff wages	15,979.00
City of San Luis	Cash	State/Local	Percent of fringe Benefits	3835.00
City of San Luis	Cash	State/Local	Percent of Indirect cost	3561.0
City of San Luis	Cash	State/Local	Portion of staff trave to mandatory training conference	315.00
City of San Luis	Cash	State/Local	Supplies	820.00
City of San Luis	Cash	State/Local	Member Training	5,490.00
State CSBG Discretionary	Cash	State/Local	Member Training	30,000.00

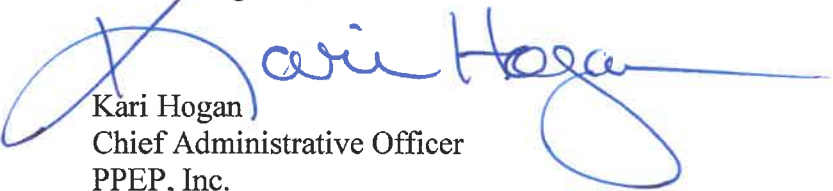
**Total 60,000 required match**

It is important to note, the PPEP YouthBuild program continues to grow because of the City of San Luis. The funds you provide this program leverage other funding sources to provide the needed resources in support of Youth. Funding sources, such as the National Farmworker Jobs program, state discretionary money, and AmeriCorps funding cannot do this work alone; therefore, by leveraging all of these funds we are able to offer the youth of San Luis and extraordinary opportunity. Because of the City of San Luis funding, we can make the case for additional funds from the state each year to meet Required Match for AmeriCorps grant and it enables us to grow and serve more youth in the San Luis area in the future.

To date, have served approximately 350 youth living in the San Luis area and have built and rehabbed over 100 units of housing for low income families. Because of YouthBuild, low-income families get the cost savings due to labor costs of building affordable housing are cut by 30%, which in turn makes homes even more affordable and youth are leaning skills and a trade.

**Thank you again for your continued support and we hope we can continue to count on you in the future,**

Sincere Regards,

  
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PPEP, Inc.