



STAFF REPORT

June 5, 2006

ACTION: X

DISCUSSION: _____

PROJECT TITLE: Family-Friendly Community Grants Funding Recommendations

A. BACKGROUND

The Commission released the eighth round of Family-Friendly Community Grants in February 2006 to provide support for one-time projects that benefit children prenatal to age five and their families. Community groups and non-profit organization are eligible to receive grants up to \$5,000. Eligible playground projects are eligible to receive up to \$10,000. Grants are intended for community groups and non-profit organizations to take action and make noticeable changes for young children in their communities. Projects must address one of the following categories:

- Projects that improve the Environment
- Community Playground Projects
- Community Gatherings, Events and Celebrations
- Community Health and Safety Projects
- Community Skill Building Projects and Activities
- Other Community Building Projects and Activities

The following groups were eligible to apply:

- Community members who came together to form groups of parents, neighborhood residents, and or other community members (the group had to have a minimum of 5 members).
- Non-Profit organizations that conduct a local community project benefiting families with children prenatal to age five.

Applicants were required to attend a mandatory Applicant Information Conference, which were held at several different locations throughout the County. Applicants who received funding in the last two years were not required to attend. The applicants were then asked to submit a 4-question application and line item budget outlining their proposed projects. The Commission received 27 applications totaling \$133,830. The review committee, comprised of Commissioners and staff members, recommend the 15 groups listed below totaling \$74,993.00 to receive funds. Several of the projects can be implemented with minor or no changes, while some will require one-to-one technical assistance from staff to address some concerns that need further clarification.



B. RECOMMENDATION

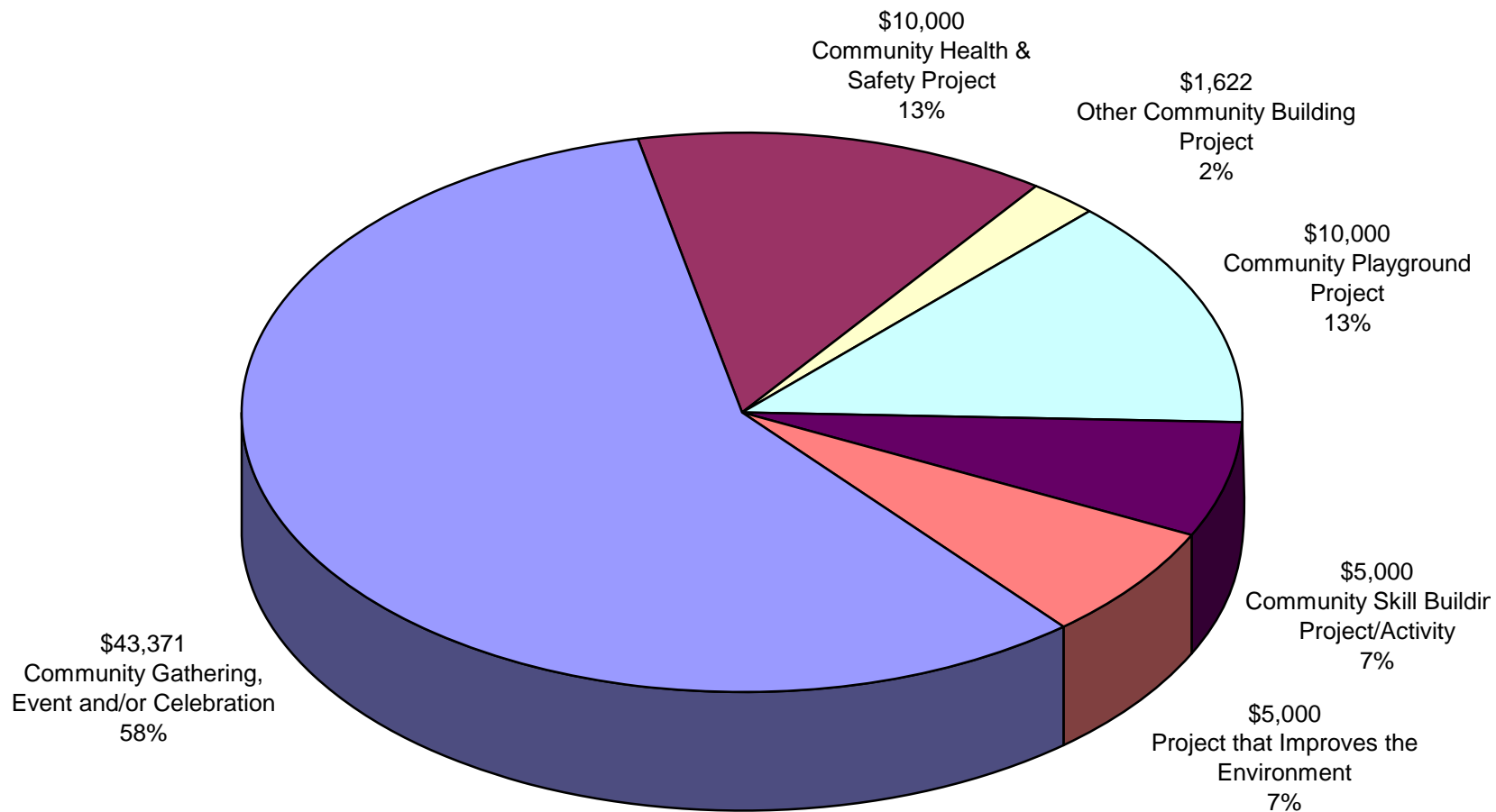
The review committee recommends:

- Approval of up to \$74,993.00 in funding for 15 Family-Friendly Community Grants (see attached list).

ATTACHMENTS: YES

- Pie Chart of FFCG8 Funding Recommendations
- Recommended Project Descriptions

First 5 Contra Costa Family Friendly Community Grant Cycle 8 Funding Recommendations



Total Recommended Amount: \$74,993.00