



# Neighborhood Grant Program

## Block Party Application

### Calendar Year 2026

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Name of Neighborhood Group or Association: Cherry Chase - Morningside Drive

Name of Individual Submitting Application: Alison Sigua

Individual's Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Amount Requesting from the City of Sunnyvale (*\$500 maximum*): \$500

Based on the total number of households, which tier does your Neighborhood Group or Association fall under?  Tier 1 (under 250 households)  Tier 2 (251-499)  Tier 3 (500 & Over)

Describe how the total number of households in your Neighborhood Group or Association is calculated.

Count of the homes on Morningside Drive between Grape Avenue & Lois Avenue.

### Event Description:

1. Date, time and location of the Block Party.  
TBD August/September. Party in the street that would be closed off.
2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.  
Morningside Drive between Grape Ave and Lois Ave
3. What are the activities planned?  
Potluck, seed/plant swap, corn hole, activities for kids (coloring, board games, etc).
4. How many people or households are expected to attend?  
10-15 households
5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.  
Posting on Nextdoor, CCNA Google Group, Print Flyers at each home on the block
6. Describe how the Block Party will achieve one or more of the following focus areas:
  - Increase communication among neighbors
  - Build bridges between cultures
  - Improve the physical condition of the neighborhood
  - Enhance neighborhood pride and identity
  - Offer opportunities for neighbors to get to know one another; create a sense of community for the neighborhood.
  - Offer opportunities for neighbors to share their favorite foods; with families from Italy, Brazil, Mexico, and China on our block, great opportunity to build cultural understanding through sharing meals!
  - Plant/seed swap promotes people to think about their gardens and landscapes - native plant focus!

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### Project Expenses

Activity	Estimated Costs
1. Plant / Seed Swap Supplies	\$200.00
2. Cornhole / Outdoor Games	\$150.00
3. Beverages	\$75.00
4. Various supplies	\$125.00
5.	\$
<b>Estimated Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
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**Name of Neighborhood Association or Group Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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Name of Neighborhood Group or Association: Cherry Chase Neighborhood Association (CCNA)

Name of Individual Submitting Application: Deepa Jangity

Individual's Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Amount Requesting from the City of Sunnyvale (\$500 maximum): \$500

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Describe how the total number of households in your Neighborhood Group or Association is calculated.

Our neighborhood association covers the residential area between Mary Avenue, Blair Avenue, Remington Drive, and South Knickerbocker Drive. The number of households was estimated using City of Sunnyvale neighborhood data.

**Event Description:**

1. Date, time and location of the Block Party.
  - Hoping for a fall event, sometimes in October 2026
2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.
  - The event invitation will be extended to households located along Grape Avenue, Dona Avenue, Lois Avenue, Blair Avenue, Lynn Way, Ramona Avenue, Melon Court, and Mary Avenue within the Cherry Chase neighborhood. These streets form the primary geographic area for the gathering and represent a connected group of nearby residential blocks where many neighbors live within walking distance of the event location. The goal is to bring together residents from these surrounding streets to share tea, meet one another, and strengthen connections within the neighborhood.
3. What are the activities planned?
  - Activities will focus on shared learning and neighbor interaction rather than commercial sales.

Planned elements include:

- Chai sampling tables featuring different spice blends and preparation styles
- A live demonstration showing how traditional Indian chai is brewed
- Informal conversations with tea vendors about ingredients, techniques, and flavor variations
- Seating and gathering areas where neighbors can relax and talk while enjoying tea
- Opportunities for residents to learn about spices commonly used in chai and how they can prepare it at home

These activities are designed to be accessible, interactive, and welcoming for residents of all ages.

4. How many people or households are expected to attend?

- We anticipate more than 500 attendees, since the invitation will reach households across Grape Avenue, Dona Avenue, Lois Avenue, Blair Avenue, Lynn Way, Ramona Avenue, Melon Court, and Mary Avenue, which together include several hundred homes in close proximity.

5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.

- Residents will be invited through neighborhood communication channels including the Cherry Chase Google Group, local WhatsApp groups, and community email lists. Printed flyers will also be shared with households on the participating streets. In addition, organizers will reach out directly to neighbors and local small businesses to encourage participation and help create a welcoming, community-driven event.

6. Describe how the Block Party will achieve one or more of the following focus areas:

- **Increase communication among neighbors**
  - Create a welcoming gathering where residents from Grape Avenue, Dona Avenue, Lois Avenue, Blair Avenue, Lynn Way, Ramona Avenue, Melon Court, and Mary Avenue can spend time together over chai.
  - Use chai tasting stations and demonstrations as natural conversation points that encourage neighbors to meet, talk, and get to know one another.
- **Build bridges between cultures**
  - Introduce neighbors to the tradition of chai and the many ways it is prepared across different regions and families.
  - Invite local small businesses to share their own chai styles, spice blends, and preparation methods, creating opportunities for cultural exchange and learning.
- **Improve the physical condition of the neighborhood**
  - Encourage residents to gather outdoors in a shared public space and work together to prepare the area for the event.
  - Promote community care for the neighborhood through collaborative setup, organization of gathering areas, and cleanup after the event.
- **Enhance neighborhood pride and identity**
  - Celebrate the diversity of the Cherry Chase neighborhood through a shared tea experience that highlights cultural traditions and local small businesses.
  - Create a memorable neighborhood event that brings together residents from multiple streets and reinforces a sense of community pride.

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1. Local small business participation stipends to provide chai tasting and demonstrate chai preparation methods	\$ 400
2. Takeaway tea gift kits for participants (sample black tea, cardamom pods, and dry ginger candies packaged in Cherry Chase Neighborhood Association pouches)	\$ 100
<b>3. Estimated Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>4. Amount Requested from the City of Sunnyvale</b>	<b>\$500</b>

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Name of Neighborhood Association or Group Leader: Cherry Chase Neighborhood Association (KimChi Chen/Lead)

Signature: 

Date: 03/06/2026



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Name of Individual Submitting Application: Idit Kosti

Individual's Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

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### Event Description:

1. Date, time and location of the Block Party.
  - Hoping for a Spring, early summer event in 2026
2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.
  - The 🌱 Grow & Share on the Block invitation main audience will be our immediate neighbors starting at Kenbridge Court to Maranta Avenue, Ingram Court, and West Knickerbocker, but the invitation will be extended to households throughout the Cherry Chase neighborhood, including the residential area bounded by **Mary Avenue, Blair Avenue, Remington Drive, and South Knickerbocker Drive**. All neighbors within these boundaries will be welcome to participate. The estimated number of households in this area is based on City of Sunnyvale neighborhood and planning data.
3. What are the activities planned?
  - The 🌱 Grow & Share on the Block gathering will feature a neighborhood plant and seed exchange inspired by community plant swap events such as those hosted by the Mountain View Public Library (website [link](#)). Residents will be invited to bring extra houseplants, seeds, plant cuttings, or seasonal seedlings to share with neighbors. Participants will be able to browse shared tables, exchange plants, and talk with one another about simple plant care and propagation tips.
  - A small potting station will allow participants to use soil and planters to pot newly exchanged plants and create small take home planting kits. Light refreshments will be available so neighbors can spend time talking, meeting new people, and building connections.
  - These activities are designed to increase communication among neighbors, encourage sustainable gardening practices such as plant propagation and seed sharing, and create a welcoming, family friendly space where Cherry Chase residents can gather and strengthen neighborhood relationships.
4. How many people or households are expected to attend?

- This small event will Cherry Chase includes more than 1,300 households. With outreach through neighborhood communication channels and strong word-of-mouth promotion, we anticipate participation from many surrounding streets and believe the event could reach close to 500 residents throughout the gathering.

5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.

- Residents will be invited through established neighborhood communication channels, including the Cherry Chase Google Group, local WhatsApp groups, and neighborhood email lists. Printed flyers will also be distributed to households on nearby streets. In addition, organizers will reach out directly to neighbors and local small businesses to help spread the word and encourage broad community participation.

6. Describe how the Block Party will achieve one or more of the following focus areas:

- Increase communication among neighbors
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The Grow & Share on the Block plant exchange will **increase communication** among neighbors by creating a relaxed setting where residents can meet, talk, and share gardening knowledge while exchanging plants and seeds.

The event will help **build bridges** between cultures by bringing together neighbors from diverse backgrounds who share an interest in plants, gardening, and sustainability. Participants will have opportunities to learn about different plants, growing traditions, and gardening practices from one another.

The gathering encourages neighbors to improve the **physical condition** of the neighborhood by promoting gardening, plant care, and greening of homes and yards. Sharing plants and seedlings helps residents add more greenery to their living spaces and contributes to a healthier neighborhood environment.

The event will enhance neighborhood **pride and identity** by highlighting the shared interests and creativity of Cherry Chase residents. Bringing neighbors together around gardening fosters a sense of belonging and encourages continued participation in future neighborhood activities.

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### Project Expenses

Activity	Estimated Costs
1. Rare and Heirloom Plant Seeds and Seedlings	\$ 200
2. Potting Soil: Soil for small takeaway planting kits so participants can pot seedlings or plant cuttings received during the exchange.	\$ 200
3. Refreshments: Simple refreshments such as lemonade and drinks to create a welcoming, family-friendly environment.	\$ 50
4. Decorative Planters / Craft Materials: Small planters and decorative materials that participants can use to personalize plants for home décor.	\$ 50
<b>5. Estimated Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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Signature: 

Date: 03/09/2026



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Name of Neighborhood Group or Association: Cherryhill Neighborhood Association

Name of Individual Submitting Application: Cindy Spencer

Individual's Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

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Describe how the total number of households in your Neighborhood Group or Association is calculated.

We have 500+ single family homes and 300+ apartments within the Cherryhill NA.

### Event Description:

1. Date, time and location of the Block Party.  
Saturday, June 13, 2026, 11am-2pm, De Anza Park picnic tables.
2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.  
Mary Avenue to Hwy. 85 & Remington Avenue to Fremont Avenue (Council District 1)
3. What are the activities planned?  
Food, beverages, games & entertainment
4. How many people or households are expected to attend?  
75-100 people of all ages
5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.  
The event is published in our annual printed newsletter. Also, advertised by signs throughout the neighborhood (courtesy of our 2026 NA grant - thank you!). group email to our email
6. Describe how the Block Party will achieve one or more of the following focus areas:
  - Increase communication among neighbors
  - Build bridges between cultures
  - Improve the physical condition of the neighborhood
  - Enhance neighborhood pride and identity

Our annual block party is a family affair for all ages and a great opportunity to bridge cultures within the neighborhood. Food and entertainment always helps to draw larger crowds to neighborhood events so we can maximize participation and build a strong cohesiveness in the neighborhood! We also offer a Cherryhill-focused table at the event as an opportunity for our Board and many committees to communicate information about the association and receive input from our membership.



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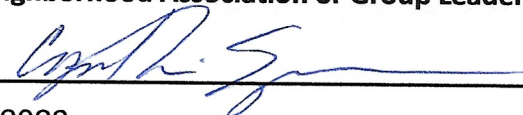
### Project Expenses

Activity	Estimated Costs
1. Lunch buffet + beverages	\$ 250
2. Entertainment - e.g. balloon maker, games, raffles	\$ 250
3.	\$
4.	\$
5.	\$
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Name of Neighborhood Association or Group Leader: Cindy Spencer

Signature: 

Date: 3/27/2026

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**Name of Neighborhood Group or Association:** Murphy District Association

Name of Individual Submitting Application: Jennifer Delara

Individual's Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Describe how the total number of households in your Neighborhood Group or Association is calculated.  
800

### Event Description:

1. Date, time and location of the Block Party.

6/27/26

2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.

Murphy Park

3. What are the activities planned?

Jump house, Grillings, Kids sensory and activities,

4. How many people or households are expected to attend?

300-400

5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.

We will flyer the neighborhood, drop off letters and post on social media

6. Describe how the Block Party will achieve one or more of the following focus areas:

- Increase communication among neighbors
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The Block Party will be a crucial tool for increasing communication among neighbors and building bridges between cultures by creating a relaxed, temporary common ground. By requiring neighbors to collaborate in the planning and execution—like coordinating a cultural potluck—the event establishes direct lines of communication that persist afterward. The shared experience of celebrating diverse arts, music, and food in a neutral space breaks down social barriers, enabling people from various backgrounds to interact positively, appreciate their unique contributions, and reinforce their shared identity as members of a cohesive neighborhood.

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Activity	Estimated Costs
1. Jump House	\$550
2. Food	\$500
3. Kids Sensory	\$350
4. Welcome popcorn sign	\$300
5.	\$
<b>Estimated Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>
<b>Amount Requested from the City of Sunnyvale</b>	<b>\$500</b>

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**Name of Neighborhood Association or Group Leader:** Murphy District Association

**Signature:** Jen Delara

**Date:** 1/10/26



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Re: Fw: Grant Application For Bobolink Cir Gathering in Fall 2026

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From [REDACTED]  
Date Fri 3/20/2026 6:28 PM  
To CommunityResources AP <[ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)>  
Cc [REDACTED]

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Hi Angela,

Yes, I have reviewed this application. I hope this email is sufficient to consider the Bobolink application complete.

We hope this application receives funding.

Thanks  
Ruchika

On Fri, Mar 20, 2026 at 4:21 PM CommunityResources AP <[ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Paula and Ruchika:

The attached Neighborhood Block Party grant application was submitted by Paul for a \$500 grant to host a block party in Bobolink Circle in the Ortega Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA). However, an application is not considered complete until it is signed off by a neighborhood leader. So the last section of the application, on page 3, **needs a signature by a OPNA leader, like Ruchika**, not Paula who signed it.

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Name of Neighborhood Association or Group Leader: Paula Patel \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Paula Patel \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 03/19/2026 \_\_\_\_\_

So, in order for this application to be considered complete, it needs a signature from Ruchika or a reply to this email to say it's been reviewed by a OPNA leader by the grant application deadline of next Friday, March 27, at 5 pm.

Thanks,

angela



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Recreation Services Manager  
Department of Library and Recreation Services  
City of Sunnyvale  
Phone: 408-730-7352

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**From:** Paula patel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2026 5:55 PM  
**To:** CommunityResources AP <[ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Grant Application For Bobolink Cir Gathering in Fall 2026

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Angela

Thank you for helping me navigate on the Grant Block Party Application. Here is the filled application. please let me know of any questions or any other suggestions

regards  
paula

On Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 04:18:37 PM PDT, CommunityResources AP <[ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Paula:

Your second submission is for a Community Event Grant application, not a Neighborhood Grant Block Party application. Sorry, you completed the wrong grant application. I believe you want to submit a

Neighborhood Block Party grant application. Attached is that grant application form, please complete this one and submit it before the March 27 deadline.

Best,

angela



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**From:** Paula patel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2026 7:56 PM  
**To:** CommunityResources AP <[ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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Angela,

Thank you for reviewing my submitted document, My mistake here is the complete pdf.

Please let me know of any questions

thank you  
paula

On Friday, March 13, 2026 at 02:51:49 PM PDT, CommunityResources AP <[ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Paula:

You need to resend your block party grant application, the attachment you provided only had the first page, the applicant's information, none of the other grant application pages were attached. Please re-submit by the application deadline of March 27 to be considered for funding.

Let me know if you have questions or need more info.

Thanks,

angela



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**From:** Paula patel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2026 2:41 PM  
**To:** CommunityResources AP <[ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Ruchika Aggarwal <[REDACTED]>  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Our Bobolink Community would like to apply for a city grant to host a neighbour gathering in Fall 2026.

Please find the attached applications.

Regards  
Paula Patel  
Bobolink Resident  
[REDACTED]

**Neighborhood Grant Program  
Block Party Application  
Calendar Year 2026**

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Name of Neighborhood Group or Association: Bobolink Cir Neighbourhood

Name of Individual Submitting Application: Paula Patel

Individual's Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Amount Requesting from the City of Sunnyvale (*\$500 maximum*): \$500

Based on the total number of households, which tier does your Neighborhood Group or Association fall under?  Tier 1 (under 250 households)  Tier 2 (251-499)  Tier 3 (500 & Over)

Describe how the total number of households in your Neighborhood Group or Association is calculated.  
about 35-37 per Google

### Event Description:

1. Date, time and location of the Block Party.  
November 15th 2026, Time 2:00PM , Bobolink Culdesac
2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.  
Bobolink Cir
3. What are the activities planned?  
Snacks, Socializing,
4. How many people or households are expected to attend?  
2x30 = 60
5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.  
Paper Flyer to the neighbours, Existing Whatsapp group, Nextdoor
6. Describe how the Block Party will achieve one or more of the following focus areas:
  - Increase communication among neighbors
  - Build bridges between cultures
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Increase communications among neighbors as we meet and mingle  
Potluck to build bridges between cultures

## Neighborhood Grant Program Block Party Application Budget Form

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### Project Expenses

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1. Drinks and non alcoholic beverages	\$ 50
2. Pizza	\$ 200
3. Paper products (Compostable)	\$ 100
4. Fruits/Desserts	\$ 100
5. Misc	\$ 50
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Signature: *Paula Patel*

Date: 03/19/2026

**Neighborhood Grant Program Block Party  
Application Calendar Year 2026**

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**Name of Neighborhood Group or Association:**

Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda, (AKA SNAIL)

**Name of Individual Submitting Application:**

Name: Dorit Chapman (Treasurer)

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

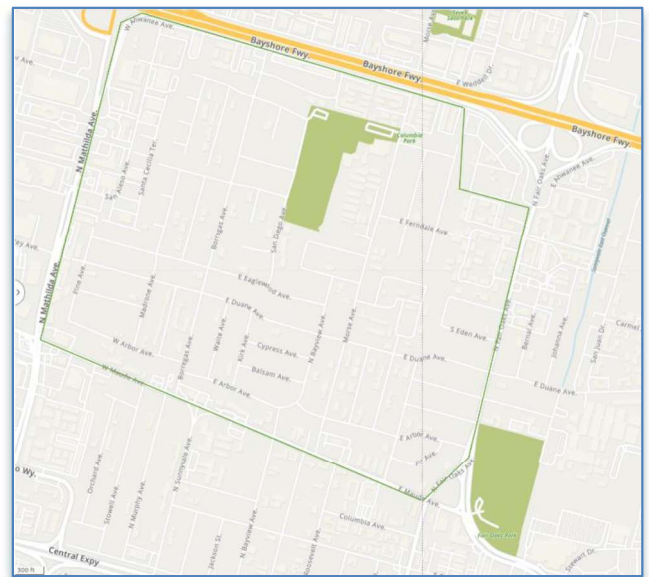
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**Describe how the total number of households in your Neighborhood Group or Association is calculated.**

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**Event Description**

- 1. Date, time and location of the Block Party**  
November 21 from 9:00 to 11:30AM on the 400 Block of East Arbor

- 2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.**  
The geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party are those of the SNAIL community which are Fair Oaks, Mathilda, Maude, and Ahwanee Avenues.

### 3. What are the activities planned?

The **SNAIL Red Bow Project** is a long-standing neighborhood tradition that began in 2001. This annual resident-led initiative brings together volunteers from across the SNAIL community to decorate neighborhood street trees with large red bows during the holiday season. The project fosters neighborhood pride, strengthens relationships among residents, and creates a welcoming and festive environment throughout the community.

The project is entirely volunteer-driven and coordinated through SNAIL's network of neighborhood block representatives. Each year, beginning in early September, block representatives walk their streets to count the number of trees along each block. Because tree numbers change from year to year due to planting, removal, or maintenance, an updated inventory is conducted annually.

Once the tree counts are completed, volunteers review existing decoration supplies from prior years. Bows that remain in good condition are cleaned and stored for reuse, while worn or faded bows are retired. Based on the updated inventory, new weather-resistant bows are purchased to ensure the decorations remain durable and visually appealing throughout the season.



These are all-purpose indoor/outdoor use holiday bows. They measure 15" x 24" or 18" x 31" and combined with a 2.5 inch ribbon.

These Christmas seasonal items that become available during the summer prior to the holidays and are often out of stock by the end of October.

Decorating takes place shortly after Thanksgiving. Volunteers attach large red bows with ribbons to curbside street trees across the SNAIL neighborhood, creating a cohesive and festive streetscape. The bows remain in place throughout the holiday season—from the first weekend in December through the first or second weekend in January—when volunteers remove them, clean them, and store them for reuse in future years.

The Red Bow Project has expanded steadily over time thanks to community participation and previous neighborhood grants:

- 2012: SNAIL received its first neighborhood grant of \$500, enabling volunteers to decorate approximately 400 of the neighborhood's 1,000 street trees, with priority coverage along major corridors including Borregas Avenue, Duane Avenue, and Morse Avenue.
- 2020: A second grant of \$850 allowed the organization to replace bows damaged by weather exposure and expand decorations to approximately 700 trees, including additional interior residential streets.
- 2026, six years later: We are seeking funding to replace many of the bows currently in use as they have deteriorated due to sun, wind, and rain. During preparation for this grant cycle, volunteers conducted a new inventory and counted approximately 1,200 street trees within the SNAIL community.

Funding from this third grant will be used to replace the majority of aging bows that have become faded or worn, ensuring that the decorations remain vibrant, durable, and reflective of the neighborhood's long-standing tradition of community celebration.

Through this project, residents come together each year to create a visible symbol of neighborhood connection and shared pride. The Red Bow Project continues to strengthen relationships among neighbors while bringing seasonal cheer to the entire community.

#### **4. How many people or households are expected to attend?**

The supplies funded through this grant will support the decoration of approximately 1,200 street trees throughout the SNAIL neighborhood, bringing seasonal cheer to the entire community.

The decorating effort is carried out by SNAIL's volunteer Newsletter Block Representatives, who coordinate the installation of bows and ribbons along their streets. Last year, 25 block representatives participated in decorating neighborhood trees.



This year, because the first weekend after Thanksgiving falls in December, we anticipate greater availability among volunteers and are aiming to engage up to 55 block representatives, more than doubling last year's participation.

These dedicated volunteers—affectionately known as “Bow-Tistas”—work with neighbors on their blocks to place decorations on the street trees. Through this collective effort, the project reaches the entire SNAIL neighborhood of approximately 1,200 households, ensuring that residents and visitors alike benefit from the festive display.

By expanding volunteer participation, the project not only increases the number of decorated trees but also strengthens neighbor-to-neighbor connections across multiple streets and blocks.

#### **5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.**

Our outreach plan is designed to encourage broad, inclusive participation across the SNAIL neighborhood while strengthening community connections and promoting volunteerism. As part of our commitment to inclusive and welcoming language, we updated the name used for our volunteer tree decorators. In previous years, volunteers were referred to as “Elves.” To ensure our terminology reflects an inclusive spirit, we now call our volunteers “Bow-Tistas.” This playful name reflects the activity of decorating trees with red bows while celebrating the contributions of community volunteers.

We use a multi-channel outreach approach to ensure residents across the neighborhood are aware of and able to participate in the project:

- **Neighborhood Newsletter Distribution:** SNAIL publishes a monthly newsletter that is printed and delivered to approximately 1,600 households throughout the neighborhood. The Red Bow Project is highlighted through announcements, volunteer invitations, and project updates.
- **Special Color Flyer:** A dedicated color flyer describing the Red Bow Project and volunteer opportunities is inserted into the newsletter to encourage residents to join the decorating effort.
- **Volunteer Engagement with Block Representatives:** SNAIL’s network of Newsletter Block Representatives—our “Bow-Tistas”—serve as key connectors on each street. Organizers reach out to both returning and new block representatives through phone calls and personal invitations to encourage participation and build stronger relationships among neighbors.

- **Community Leadership Participation:** Invitations are extended to local elected officials—including the District 5 Councilmember and Vice Mayor, the City Mayor, and the County Supervisor—to participate in the decorating effort and highlight the importance of neighborhood volunteer initiatives.



**Youth Participation:** Local youth are invited to participate in the project, including outreach to the **Girl Scout troop at Bishop Elementary School**, providing students with a hands-on opportunity to contribute to their neighborhood through community service.

**6. Describe how the Block Party will achieve one or more of the following focus areas**

Through this combination of printed outreach, personal engagement, youth involvement, and community leadership participation, the Red Bow Project fosters broad neighborhood participation and strengthens connections among residents. The project not only creates a festive seasonal environment but also serves as a meaningful opportunity for neighbors to work together and build a stronger sense of community.

- **Increase communication among neighbors**

Decorating the neighborhood’s street trees with red bows creates a natural opportunity for neighbors to meet, collaborate, and build relationships. Volunteers work together along each block to install the bows, often requiring multiple people to wrap ribbons around larger trees and secure the decorations. These shared tasks encourage conversations between neighbors who may not have previously met.

Through this collaborative activity, residents connect while working toward a common goal—beautifying their neighborhood. These interactions often lead to discussions about other neighborhood concerns, ideas for community improvement, and opportunities for future events. The Red Bow Project therefore serves as an effective and welcoming way to strengthen communication and build relationships across the neighborhood.



- **Build bridges between cultures**

The SNAIL neighborhood is home to residents from many cultural and ethnic backgrounds. By decorating trees with simple red bows without religious symbolism, the project creates an inclusive seasonal tradition that welcomes participation from everyone regardless of faith or cultural tradition. During the decorating process, neighbors frequently share stories about their own holiday customs and seasonal traditions. These informal conversations help foster understanding, mutual respect, and connection among residents from different cultural backgrounds. The red bow has become a unifying symbol that brings together neighbors who might otherwise not have opportunities to interact.

- **Improve the physical condition of the neighborhood**

The Red Bow Project contributes to neighborhood beautification by transforming street trees into a cohesive seasonal display. The bright red bows create a welcoming and visually appealing environment that signals that residents care about the appearance of their community.

This visible beautification often inspires additional neighborhood stewardship. Residents become more motivated to maintain their surroundings, plant flowers, clean shared spaces, and support other neighborhood improvement efforts. The project also reflects responsible environmental stewardship:

SNAIL worked with the **City Arborist to develop a bow installation method that protects the bark and health of the trees.**

- **Enhance neighborhood pride and identity**

Since its beginning in **2001**, the Red Bow Project has become a cherished SNAIL neighborhood tradition. Seeing hundreds of decorated trees lining the streets creates a strong visual identity and a shared sense of pride among residents.



The red bows have become a recognizable symbol of the neighborhood during the holiday season. Residents, families, adults, teens, and take pride in contributing to a project that brings joy to neighbors and visitors alike. The festive display makes it immediately clear when someone has entered the SNAIL neighborhood, reinforcing a sense of place and community identity. By working together to install, maintain, and store the decorations each year, residents strengthen their connection to the neighborhood and to one another. The result is a visible expression of community spirit that brightens the streets during the winter months and reinforces the strong sense of community that defines SNAIL.

**Neighborhood Grant Program  
Block Party Application Budget Form**



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**Project Expenses**

Activity	Estimated Costs
Qty 200 15" x 24" Red 2-Loop Christmas Bows (priced at \$3.59 each including S/H) SKU number 445627 Order from Hearthshire (a highly-rated, top-tier third-party seller on Amazon.com)	\$ 718.00
<b>Estimated Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 718.00</b>
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**Name of Neighborhood Association or Group Leader:** Valérie Suarès

**Signature:**

*Valérie Suarès*

**Date:** March 19<sup>th</sup> 2026



As noted by **Mayor Larry Klein**

*I was actually passing through SNAIL, when I was out, and I did see the red bows, and red ribbons, I was actually very impressed and happy to see that this was already taking place.*

And by former councilmember **Russ Melton**

*Valérie, always great to hear from you and I am already excited from your verbal description of the red bows project in SNAIL, I've got to check it out. A 1,000 trees and you got about 2/3 of them covered with red bows, it is really phenomenal.*

*This is what we are talking about, it is bringing the community together, so Valérie, in line with your reputation, for the great work you always do, just more of that here.*



**Jim Q., Beechnut** - Snail founder

*"The red bows on Beechnut are bringing a lot of cheer this year! Thank you SNAIL elves!"*

**John & Diane, East Arbor** - Snail residents  
*"I really appreciate the red bow program in SNAIL. It makes the neighborhood more festive and brightens my day whenever I got out. Thank you to all the SNAIL volunteers who make our neighborhood special and cheerful during the holidays."*

**Gregg W., E. Eaglewood** - Snail resident

*"The red bows add a nice touch to the neighborhood. When friends or relatives come from other areas they almost always comment positively about the bows. I've never seen these in other neighborhoods, so it's kind of a nice tradition here for 20 plus years."*

**2017 New SNAIL homeowner**

*"A few years ago, we were house hunting. It was cold and windy, we could not find a place we liked, until we travelled in streets where trees were decorated with big bows. We decided to purchase our home in SNAIL because of the streets looked so beautiful. Each winter we are reminded how we made the right decision."*

**Christina McG.** – SNAIL resident

*"Love the red bows every year."*



**Sophia S. East Arbor** - Snail resident

*"Having bow coverage on our major streets makes such a difference! Thank you."*



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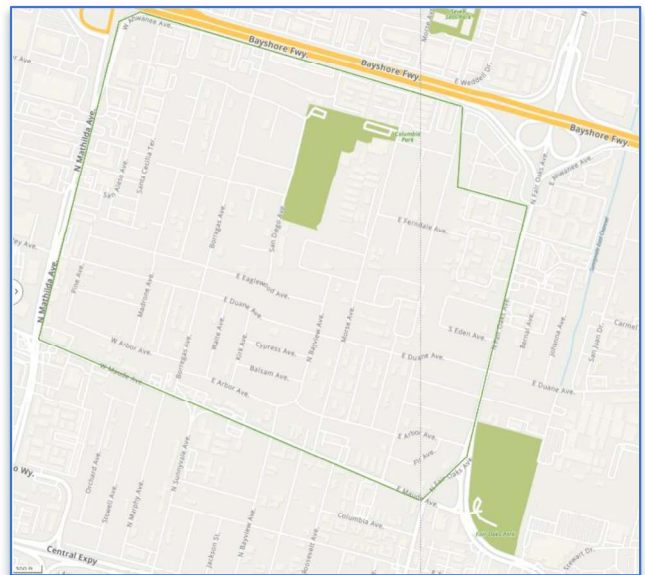
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The number of households has grown in recent years, partly due to the addition of two new housing complexes on San Aleso. The SNAIL community now includes more than 1,600 households, including 651 apartments across six complexes. However, the total number of residents living in these apartments is not currently available.



**Event Description**

**1. Date, time and location of the Block Party**  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 9:00 to 11:30AM on the 400 Block of East Arbor

**2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.**

The geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party are those of the SNAIL community which are Fair Oaks, Mathilda, Maude, and Ahwanee Avenues.

**3. What are the activities planned?**

SNAIL volunteer appreciation breakfast & final distribution of community red bow supplies. The SNAIL neighborhood relies heavily on the dedication of volunteers who contribute countless hours throughout the year to strengthen the community, organize events, distribute newsletters, maintain neighborhood communication, and support community improvement initiatives.

To recognize and celebrate these contributions, SNAIL proposes to host a **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** for the individuals who generously give their time to serve the neighborhood.

The purpose of this event is to acknowledge the efforts of our volunteers, express gratitude for their service, and encourage continued participation in community initiatives. Volunteers are the backbone of many SNAIL activities, including neighborhood communication through the SNAIL newsletter, organizing community events such as the Earth Day Clean-Up Project, coordinating neighborhood safety initiatives, assisting with seasonal projects like the SNAIL Red Bow Project, and helping maintain strong connections among residents during our annual National Night Out event.

The breakfast will provide a welcoming setting where volunteers can come together, share experiences, exchange ideas, and strengthen relationships. It will also serve as an opportunity to recognize outstanding contributions and highlight the impact volunteers have on the overall health and vitality of the neighborhood.

In addition, SNAIL plans to use a portion of the grant funding to purchase additional 50 red bows to refresh deteriorated bows due to sun, wind, and rain.

a long-standing neighborhood tradition that brings residents together each holiday season to decorate approximately 1,200 neighborhood street trees with large red bows. Volunteers—often called “Bow-Tistas”—work together to install, maintain, and later remove the decorations. Replenishing the ribbon supply will ensure that this beloved tradition can continue while maintaining a vibrant and cohesive appearance throughout the neighborhood.



These are all-purpose indoor/outdoor use holiday bows. They measure 15" x 24" or 18" x 31" and combined with a 2.5 inch ribbon.

These Christmas seasonal items that become available during the summer prior to the holidays and are often out of stock by the end of October.

#### **4. How many people or households are expected to attend?**

The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will invite approximately 50–70 volunteers, including SNAIL Newsletter Block Representatives, event volunteers, community organizers, and residents who regularly contribute their time to neighborhood initiatives. These volunteers collectively support communication and engagement across approximately 1,600 households in the SNAIL neighborhood.

The Red Bow Project itself engages dozens of volunteers each year and creates a visible neighborhood tradition enjoyed by all residents and visitors throughout the holiday season.

## 5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.

Since this is an event to recognize all the volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to better the SNAIL community, we will use our past rosters from various volunteer-led events to invite these folks to this event: These are: newsletter distributors, earth day cleanup crew, yard sale organizers, bow-tistas (formerly known as “red bows elves”, newsletter editors and national night out volunteers, our youth and pets also encouraging neighbors to walk to the event.

To encourage broad, inclusive participation across the SNAIL neighborhood while strengthening community connections and promoting volunteerism, we will post this event in our neighborhood newsletter distributed electronically and in a paper format to 1,600 homes emphasizing the “getting to know” the SNAIL volunteers with the undisclosed goal to encourage volunteer engagement and “recruit” additional volunteers. Youth participation will also be encouraged.

## 6. Community Impact

Recognizing volunteers is essential to sustaining strong community engagement. By hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and supporting the Red Bow Project, SNAIL aims to:

- **Strengthen volunteer retention and motivation** by acknowledging the important role volunteers play in building community.
- **Increase communication among neighborhood leaders**, allowing volunteers to connect, share experiences, and collaborate on future initiatives.
- **Encourage new volunteer participation** by highlighting the positive impact community service has on neighborhood life.
- **Enhance neighborhood pride and identity** through the continuation of the Red Bow tradition that decorates hundreds of trees throughout the community each holiday season.

### Use of Grant Funds

Grant funds will be used to cover:

- Breakfast food, beverages, and light refreshments for the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- Modest recognition items for volunteers
- Red bows supplies for the annual Red Bow Project

The event and project will be organized and implemented entirely by volunteers, ensuring that grant funds are used efficiently while maximizing community benefit.

### Conclusion

SNAIL volunteers play a vital role in strengthening communication, organizing neighborhood initiatives, and fostering a strong sense of community. Hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast while supporting the Red Bow Project is a meaningful way to recognize their dedication, celebrate their contributions, and sustain traditions that benefit the entire neighborhood.



**Neighborhood Grant Program  
Block Party Application Budget Form**

**All eligible receipts and invoices showing payment must be submitted for reimbursement within 30 days of the event and no later than December 31, 2026.**

**Project Expenses**

Aiming for a "zero waste" approach No paper or plastic products will be used to support the city's initiative.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Estimated Costs</b>
Qty 3 each priced at \$3.98 Tablecloth, Thanks to The Volunteers for Their Outstanding Contribution <a href="https://share.temu.com/nPb49hFbEkC">https://share.temu.com/nPb49hFbEkC</a>	\$11.94
Appreciation Notecards Complete with Keychains, and Messages of Gratitude Qty3 each priced at \$16.35 for Qty of 30 <a href="https://share.temu.com/qflHba4mJQC">https://share.temu.com/qflHba4mJQC</a>	\$49.05
99 Custom Engraved Metal Ballpoint Pen - Smooth Writing, Qty of 1 priced at \$54.25 <a href="https://share.temu.com/1GLQT79Dv2C">https://share.temu.com/1GLQT79Dv2C</a>	\$54.25
48 Pack Gratitude Gift Bags – Qty 2 each priced at \$21.99 <a href="https://share.temu.com/MG3aMfH0meC">https://share.temu.com/MG3aMfH0meC</a>	\$43.98
Starbucks Coffee Traveler (To Go boxes) between \$40 and \$50, though prices may vary by location and tax.	\$50.00
13 fresh-baked bagels and 2 tubs of double-whipped shmeear Qty 3 each priced at 13.99	\$41.97
2 dozen doughnuts holes (\$5.00 per dozen) From Marty's Donuts on Mathilda	\$10.00
2 jars of Triple Berry jam (priced at \$4.97 each at Walmart)	\$9.94
1 Mixed fruit family bowl (from Lucky on Mathilda)	\$14.99
Crystal Geyser Alpine Spring Water 30-8fz (from Lucky on Mathilda)	\$7.99
89 Fl. Oz. Tropicana Juice Pure Premium Orange No Pulp Original (from Lucky on Mathilda)	\$9.49
Qty 50 15" x 24" Red Polyester 2-Loop Christmas Bow (priced at \$3.59 each) SKU number 445627 Order from Hearthshire (a highly-rated, top-tier third-party seller on Amazon.com)	\$179.50
<b>Estimated Total Expenses (Excludes Tax, Shipping and Handling)</b>	<b>\$483.10</b>
<b>Amount Requested from the City of Sunnyvale</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

**Reviewed by Neighborhood Association or Group leader.** In order to facilitate communication and coordination within a neighborhood association or group, all Block Party applications must be reviewed and signed by a leader listed in the current registration form.

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Name of Neighborhood Association or Group Leader: Valérie Suarès

Signature:

*Valérie Suarès*

Date: March 19<sup>th</sup> 2026

December 2025  
Volunteer Recognition event



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Volunteer Recognition event



**CHEERS**  
FOR OUR AMAZING *Volunteers!*

December 2025  
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**Neighborhood Grant Program  
Block Party Application  
Calendar Year 2026**

**Application Deadline for Spring Cycle (#2): Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5 p.m.**

Thank you for your interest in hosting a Block Party under the Neighborhood Grant Program. Please thoroughly review the grant guidelines and eligibility criteria to determine if your group qualifies for funding, available here (need link to guidelines document).

Grant decisions are based upon a competitive review process; **this application and any attachments are intended to be the primary subject of evaluating your application.** The City will accept applications through Friday, March 27, 2026, by 5 p.m. Applicants will be notified of award decisions in June 2026. For questions, email [ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or call 408-730-7599.

Block parties are intended to be smaller events within a neighborhood group so residents that live within close proximity to each other may further develop their relationship and communication. Review Block Party guidelines on the city website - <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/homes-streets-and-property/neighborhood-resources/block-party-permit>. Maximum funding per block party is \$500 and applications must be signed by a neighborhood group leader listed in the annual registration form. If you are unsure if your registered neighborhood association has submitted its maximum number of applications allowed, please talk with your neighborhood association leader or email staff at [ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

<b>Block Party</b>		
Tier Level	# Households	Maximum # of Applications
Tier 1	Under 250	2
Tier 2	251 – 499	4
Tier 3	500 & Over	6

Funding priority is neighborhood grants and only if funding is still available will block party applications be considered.

Note: If the Block Party will provide food, contact the Santa Clara County, Dept. of Environmental Health to ensure safety conditions are met. This is a Santa Clara County requirement. Info. on their website - <https://deh.santaclaracounty.gov/food-and-retail/compliance-retail-food-operations/temporary-food-events-facility-compliance-and>. For more questions, contact them via email, [dehweb@deh.sccgov.org](mailto:dehweb@deh.sccgov.org).

**Complete applications may be submitted in the following ways:**

*Mail or Drop Off in Person:*

Sunnyvale Community Center (Recreation Center Front Desk)  
Attn: Recreation Services Administration  
550 E. Remington Dr., Sunnyvale CA 94087

*Email:* [ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:ncs@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

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Name of Neighborhood Group or Association: SunnyArts

Name of Individual Submitting Application: Uma Sriram

Individual's Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Grant Amount Requesting from the City of Sunnyvale (*\$500 maximum*): \$500

Based on the total number of households, which tier does your Neighborhood Group or Association fall under?  Tier 1 (under 250 households)  Tier 2 (251-499)  Tier 3 (500 & Over)

Describe how the total number of households in your Neighborhood Group or Association is calculated.

Number of single family homes in our neighborhood boundaries

### Event Description:

1. Date, time and location of the Block Party.

Saturday June 6

2. What are the geographic boundaries of those invited to the Block Party.

Rembrandt & Rousseau drives off of Fremont Ave, and all the streets within those limits (Van Dyck Dr. & Ct., Verdi, Sargent, Chopin, Robbia, Renoir Ct)

3. What are the activities planned?

Interactive games (ex: corn hole, giant Jenga, tug of war, lemon in spoon type races), ice cream truck, possible 'Walk down SunnyArts memory lane of old neighborhood pictures' display

4. How many people or households are expected to attend?

100

5. Describe your outreach plan to generate participation.

Door to door flyer distribution, email notification via neighborhood google group, word-of-mouth

6. Describe how the Block Party will achieve one or more of the following focus areas:

- Increase communication among neighbors
- Build bridges between cultures
- Improve the physical condition of the neighborhood
- Enhance neighborhood pride and identity

Activities for all ages will encourage multi-generational families to participate. June 6 is the day after schools close, so it will be a great occasion for neighbors to start their summer with some outdoor activities and meet other families with similar age children. The memory lane idea could generate some interesting conversations and connections between neighbors.

## Neighborhood Grant Program Block Party Application Budget Form

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Please list the Block Party's projected expenses using the form below. **Note: This is a reimbursement grant. All eligible receipts and invoices showing payment must be submitted for reimbursement within 30 days of the event and no later than December 31, 2026.**

### Project Expenses

Activity	Estimated Costs
1. Games (buy/rent)	\$250
2. Icecreams	\$150
3. Memory lane display (print pictures, make signs)	\$100
4.	\$
5.	\$
<b>Estimated Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Amount Requested from the City of Sunnyvale</b>	<b>\$500</b>

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Name of Neighborhood Association or Group Leader: Uma Sriram

Signature: Uma Sriram

Date: 3/15/26