To: Sunnyvale Cares for Non-Profits <a href="mailto:svcares@sunnyvale.ca.gov">svcares@sunnyvale.ca.gov</a>

From: The Fremont Union High Schools Foundation

Date: June 30, 2020

**The Fremont Union High Schools Foundation** (Fuhsfoundation.org is a 501 c3 non-profit organization serving students who attend Homestead High School and Fremont High School in Sunnyvale.

Date: June 30, 2020

Dear Sunnyvale,

We respectfully submit the attached Grant Request. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this grant. The City of Sunnyvale truly cares!

Sincerely,

Loy Oppus-Moe and Rita Allen Co-Presidents Fremont Union High Schools Foundation Fuhsfoundation.org



## Grant Request Submitted by: Fremont Union High Schools Foundation

Name of Nonprofit organization:	Fremont Union High Schools Foundation
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Name of Individual Submitting Application: Loy Oppus-Moe, Co-President

Individual's email: Phone:

Grant Amount Requesting from the City (Maximum grant amount is \$30,000): \$5000

## **Organization Background**

- 1. When was your organization formed? 1983
- 2. What is your Mission? Our mission is to develop resources (financial and in-kind) that enhance the quality of education for all students in the Fremont Union High School District.

3. Approximately how many Sunnyvale customers are served annually?

We serve over 4500 students who attend Fremont High School and Homestead High School. During the pandemic, the school district has been distributing meals at four locations, three of which serve mainly Sunnyvale residents: Fremont High School, Homestead High School and Fair Oaks Park. The combined meal distributions at these three locations is about 2,000 meals per day.

4. Describe your group's activities and the resources that support those activities.

We help fund student programs that enrich their education; we support the use of technology to prepare students for the future, and we help fund professional development for teachers, especially the current need for delivering curriculum remotely, online.

In normal times, the Foundation's three broad priority areas are: College and Career Preparation, Student Support Services (including wellness programs), and Educational Enrichment (extra-curricular activities) for students --- enhancements beyond what public funds can offer.

- 5. What is your annual budget? Our budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$477,000.
- 6. How do you raise funds? We request donations from parents, the larger community, corporate matching, corporate sponsorships, and our annual Spring Fundraising event. Here is a link to our 2018-2019 Annual Report
- 7. How many employees does your organization have? We are 100% run by volunteers. There is no paid staff.
- 8. What steps has your organization taken to address budget impacts due to COVID-19?

Due to Covid-19, we had to cancel our March 28, 2020 Spring Fundraising Event which had a goal of raising \$30,000 (net) plus sponsorships of \$28,000. Instead of cancelling everything, we ran an "online auction" which raised about \$10,000. We also adjusted our expense budget since some student programs were cancelled due to COVID-19 (field trips, no hands-on activities during remote learning/lockdown).

9. Describe the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic on your organization, specifically, what are the financial impacts?

In addition to cancelling our annual Spring for Education fundraising event due to Covid-19, we also cancelled our Spring Appeal, a direct donation program (solicitation by mail targeted at school families), in recognition that many families may be experiencing financial difficulties and immediate needs for living essentials such as food and rental assistance.

As a result, our fundraising income target was only 77% of budget, as of June 17, 2020.

10. For what purposes would this grant be used and how would it benefit your organization and customers?

We are now preparing for the opening of school in August 2020. Immediate needs are:

- Training for teachers to improve effectiveness of remote / online teaching. Adoption
  of a new Learning Management System called Schoology.
- Additional planning, supplies, and labor to ensure the physical safety of students and staff at Homestead High School and Fremont High School, now that physical fitness work-outs are allowed onsite, but limited to 12 students per adult Coach.
- 11. Any other information you would like the Council Committee to consider?

Despite the "lockdown" and our lives being put on hold, we need to continue to prepare our Sunnyvale youth for the next phase in their personal development and educational careers.

Our partners and main program deliverers, the Fremont Union High School District has continued to support Sunnyvale residents via meals for families, and preparing for the opening of school year 2020-2021.

Despite the uncertainty of how schools will open in the fall (virtual? Onsite? Hybrid?), preparations need to proceed which include:

- Sanitizing classrooms and other areas, and establishing procedures for daily maintenance
- Working with parents to ensure safety of all students
- Working with staff to ensure their safety and their preparation for possible teaching formats (remote or onsite or hybrid)

We appreciate any assistance that the City of Sunnyvale can provide in partnership with the Fremont Union High School District.