

Del Norte Healthcare District
Board of Directors Meeting

Agendized
Board Packet

Tuesday August 27, 2024

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**JULY/AUGUST
7/18/24 – 8/21/24**

DATE	NAME	DESCRIPTION	CK#	AMOUNT
7/22	Pacific Power	6/10/24-7/10/24	10752	2640.72
7/22	City of CC	Saturday Swims	10753	1125.00
7/22	City of CC	Senior passes (50)	10754	2500.00
7/22	Wen-Cor	June service	10755	300.00
7/29	College of the Redwoods	LVN/RN Scholarship	10756	10000.00
7/29	Otis Elevator	Inv. SCE15737001	10757	1250.00
7/29	Frontier	Elevator 7/19/24-8/18/24	10758	127.76
7/31	Paychex	Payroll fee	EFT	131.32
7/31	U.S. Treasury	Payroll Taxes	EFT	408.13
7/31	Doris Hendricks	July Payroll	EFT	1572.63
7/31	CalPers	August Premium	EFT	2983.64
8/6	Del Norte Office	Inv's 711443,0711627	10759	44.32
8/7	Edward Jones	SEP IRA July Contribution	10760	393.16
8/12	Charter	Internet & phone	EFT	171.22
8/12	Tri Counties Bank	Credit Card Charges	10761	220.20
		Microsoft monthly service	43.20	
		Constant Contact 6 & &	104.00	
		Postal Services/ stamps	73.00	
8/12	Void		10762	VOID
8/12	Gateway Education	Inv. 76 final for 23/24 year	10763	14746.38
8/12	Del Norte Office S.	Supplies	10764	126.74
8/14	McMillan & Mayle	July Service	10765	1220.00
8/15	City of CC	Swim Projects	10766	7342.00
8/19	CCWD	7/10/24-8/8/24 garden	10767	105.18
8/19	CCWD	7/10/24-8/8/24	10768	376.47
8/19	Wen-Cor	July 2024 Service	10769	300.00
8/19	Pacific Power	7/10/24-8/9/24	10770	2725.78
8/19	Del Norte Office S.	2025 Desk Calendars	10771	<u>16.28</u>
Monthly Total Paid:				50,826.93

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Del Norte Healthcare District
Financial Report
July 31, 2024

ACCOUNT	July 1, 2024	September 30, 2021	July 31, 2024
	Bk./Inv. Acct. Bal.	Note Payable	Bk./Inv. Acct. Bal.
LAIF (Investment Account)	3,293,456.93		3,330,952.78
Tri Counties- Bus. Cking. Acct.	38,811.69		119,337.35
Tri Counties - Money Mkt. (holding) Acct.	246,792.31		206,792.31
Tri Counties- W.C. USDA Auto Pay	0.00	closed acct.	0.00
TOTAL BK./INV. ACCT BALANCES	3,579,060.93	0.00	3,657,082.44

BUDGET CATEGORY INCOME	Anticipated Income	Income Received To Date	Remaining/(Surplus) Anticipated Income
Interest LAIF & bank Accts	120,000.00	37,495.85	82,504.15
Tax Receipts	725,000.00	85,842.62	639,157.38
Rent (Open Door \$ 10250.00)	123,000.00	10,250.00	112,750.00
DHHS Lease (\$6800.00)	87,720.00		87,720.00
Utility Reimbursement 80%	76,000.00	4,235.54	71,764.46
Insurance Reimbursement Pers-D/V/RX	1,000.00		1,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00		1,000.00
Sub-Total	1,133,720.00	137,824.01	995,895.99
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	1,133,720.00	137,824.01	995,895.99

EXPENDITURES	Annual Budget	Paid to Date	Budget Amt. Available
<i>Personnel Expenses</i>			
Payroll	22,300.00	1,572.63	20,727.37
General Benefits/SSI/EDD/WC	12,000.00	408.13	11,591.87
Cal Pers	45,000.00	6,119.66	38,880.34
Dental, Vision, RX	30,000.00		30,000.00
Past Board Health Benefits	15,000.00		15,000.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	124,300.00	8,100.42	116,199.58
<i>Operating Expenses</i>			
Pacific Power	40,000.00	2,640.72	37,359.28
Blue Star Gas	35,000.00		35,000.00
Crescent City W & S	25,000.00	442.69	24,557.31
Telephone & Internet	6,000.00	297.69	5,702.31
Office Supplies and Expenses	3,000.00	424.69	2,575.31
Training & Education	3,000.00		3,000.00
Memberships	4,500.00		4,500.00
TOTAL UTILITIES AND OFFICE EXPENSE	116,500.00	3,805.79	112,694.21
<i>Professional Services Expenses</i>			
Legal	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Accounting	20,000.00	131.32	19,868.68
Election Expense	10,000.00		10,000.00
Other Professional Expenses	5,000.00		5,000.00
Insurance	35,000.00	31,400.00	3,600.00
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE	80,000.00	31,531.32	48,468.68

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Budget Category		Paid to Date		Budget Amt. Available
Building Maintenance				
Materials & Supplies		15,000.00		15,000.00
Grounds Keeping		26,000.00	1,020.00	24,980.00
Maintenance Services		40,000.00	1,550.00	38,450.00
TOTAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE		81,000.00	2,570.00	78,430.00
Contributions				
High School Scholarship (\$500.00 x 4)		2,000.00		2,000.00
Childcare Scholarship		5,000.00		5,000.00
CR Nursing Scholarship		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Grad Night Safety Program		500.00		500.00
Sharps Containers		500.00		500.00
Food Hub Operations		20,000.00		20,000.00
Non-Emergency Transport		20,000.00		20,000.00
Gateway Education		46,000.00		46,000.00
Swim Lessons		41,000.00		41,000.00
Senior Swim Passes		36,000.00	2,500.00	33,500.00
Public Swim Project		13,000.00	1,125.00	11,875.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS		194,000.00	13,625.00	180,375.00
PROJECTS				
Beachfront Exercise Loop Stations		150,000.00	0.00	150,000.00
Kids Town hard surface		300,000.00	0.00	300,000.00
TOTAL PROJECTS		450,000.00	0.00	450,000.00
NEW PROJECTS				
Local Medical Transportation		10,000.00		10,000.00
Recruitment & Retention		50,000.00		50,000.00
Harvest of the Month		16,000.00		16,000.00
Downtown Divas		3,000.00		3,000.00
Open Door Bus Barn		600,000.00		600,000.00
Little League All Stars		1,500.00		1,500.00
TOTAL NEW PROJECTS		680,500.00	0.00	680,500.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1,726,300.00	59,632.53	1,666,667.47
CAPITAL EXPENSES				
Fixed Assets		0.00		0.00
Building Repairs (DHHS)		30,000.00		30,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL EXPENSES		1,756,300.00		169,667.47
CONTINGENCY FUND		20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES		1,776,300.00	59,632.53	1,716,667.47
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME		1,133,720.00		
MINUS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES		1,776,300.00		
SURPLUS		-642,580.00		

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Del Norte Healthcare District
July 23, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Regular Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Directors Babich, Caldwell, Young, and Chair Pearcey.
Absent: Director Mason
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None currently.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - a. Ratification of invoices paid from 6/20/2024 – 7/17/2024.
 - b. Approval of financial report for June 2024.

Director Young made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Director Caldwell seconded the motion.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

5. **REVIEW/POSSIBLE REVISION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 25, 2024, MEETING.**

Director Young made a motion to approve the June minutes as written. Director Babich seconded the motion.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. Open Door: No one present

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. **BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** (Directors Young and Caldwell)

1. Completed budget for fiscal year 2024 – 2025 for review.
No action to be taken.

2. Approval to release the requested funds for the College of the Redwoods Nursing Scholarship for the 2024 – 2025 budget year.

Director Young made a motion to release the budgeted funds to College of the Redwoods Nursing Scholarship. Director Caldwell seconded the motion.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

B. COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE: (Chair Pearcey & Director Babich)

Nothing at this time.

C. HEALTHCARE EXPANSION:

1. Community Food Council: (Directors Caldwell and Babich)

Director Babich explained that all the non-profit applications are in and applied for. The next meeting will be the second Thursday of August.

2. Recruitment and Retention: (Director Caldwell)

Director Caldwell, I attended a staff meeting at Sutter and was asked by Mr. Lane, what the mission of the Healthcare District was? I realized since Mr. Lane is new to the community, maybe we should have a sit down with him and teach him about what the Healthcare District is and how we spend our money.

It was suggested by Special Counsel that we give Mr. Lane a copy of the by-laws to review, and that Mr. Lane could then ask questions at a future meeting or contact any of the Directors.

D. HEALTH PROMOTION:

1. Swimming Programs: (Director Young)

For the month of June 2024 there were 50 senior passes used. There were 5 Saturday swims totaling 356 participants.

2. Non-emergency Transport: (Director Young)
Nothing at this time.

8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: As reported

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion/Possible approval of quotes to replace the fencing around the garden area. (Executive Secretary).

Director Young made a motion to except the proposal of the 6' chain link fence on all sides and removing the gate on the northwest corner of the garden. Modify the gate size to 4' and have 2 person gates and 1 utility gate. The funds are to be paid from the capital expenses and the remainder from the contingency fund. Director Pearcey seconded the motion.
Motion passed 4 – 0.

11. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS REPORT OF ACTIVITIES:

12. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: No closed session items.

13. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION:

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND REPORT OF ANY ACTION:

15. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Minutes approved by:

Doris Hendricks, Executive Secretary

Dave Mason, Board Secretary

Getting Relief From Unexpectedly High Medical Bills

Unexpectedly high medical bills occur daily in the United States, but there are ways to get relief. According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, one in five Americans is affected by outstanding medical debt, which costs \$88 billion.

In a 2022 study, the bureau found that roughly 20% of U.S. households report having medical debt, with collections appearing on 43 million credit reports. As of the second quarter of 2021, 58% of all bills in collections on credit records were medical bills.

Medical debt affects households unevenly, too, according to the agency. Past-due bills are more prevalent among Black and Hispanic people than white and Asian people, and medical debt is more common in the Southern U.S., in part because states in that region did not expand Medicaid coverage.

While fighting high medical bills can be time-consuming and frustrating, advocates stress that patients should not be intimidated by the system. If you have received a surprise medical bill, here is what you should know:

When Tessa, 33, received a medical bill for over \$1,000 after an emergency hospital visit for a viral infection, she could have the whole amount covered by the hospital after appealing to their financial assistance policy.

“At first, I thought it was just a cold, but it turned out to be something I needed specific medication for,” said Tessa, who asked to be identified only by her first name due to privacy concerns. “It was awful by the time I went to the ER.”

Thanks to a viral video, Tessa had heard about the patient advocacy organization Dollar For, and she filled out the nonprofit’s online form after receiving her surprise bill. The organization contacted the hospital, which was based in central Florida. Eventually, the hospital contacted Tessa directly to let her know she did, in fact, qualify for financial assistance. Even though she had already paid some of the costs with a credit card, Dollar For could get those payments refunded.

Laws governing charity care require nonprofit hospitals to lower or write off individual bills depending on household income. To determine if you qualify, you can simply Google the hospital along with the phrase “charity care” or “financial assistance policy.” Dollar For also provides a simplified online tool for patients to see if they qualify.

“Federal law requires hospitals to have these programs to keep their tax-exempt status,” said Jared Walker, CEO of Dollar For. “If you’re within their income range, they will write off, waive, forgive, or reduce your bills.”

He said that even if you have already been paying off medical debt, the hospital will be required to refund the payments you have made.

“It was my first time going through something like that,” Tessa said. “I tried to be an informed consumer and ask questions about the costs when I was in the hospital, but obviously, it’s hard when you’re sick in the emergency room.”

While protections against surprise bills have long existed for those with Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare, laws are now also in place for those with private or marketplace insurance.

The federal No Surprises Act covers people with insurance through their employers, the marketplace, or individual plans. It says that insurance companies must reasonably cover any out-of-network services related to emergency and some non-emergency medical care. That means that if you are being charged more than you are used to or expect when you receive in-network services, that bill may be illegal.

To challenge any bill covered under this law, you can use the free help desk and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services hotline. Many states also have free consumer assistance programs to help with disputes and insurance questions. You can always contact the medical billing department of any hospital in writing to say that you believe a bill violates the No Surprises Act and ask the hospital to deal directly with your insurance company.

“The complexity of the system itself is as big a problem as affordability,” said Kaye Pastaina, who heads research on patient protections for KFF, a nonprofit health policy organization. “Much of it is from the fragmented system and complex rules, but also lack of awareness about existing protections that are a part of federal law that might help.”

Even if you do not qualify for charity care or you are not sure the No Surprises Act covers your bills, you may be able to reduce the charges.

Medical billing is notoriously byzantine and rife with errors. Anytime you receive a bill, ask the hospital or healthcare provider for an itemized bill that includes the billing codes of all the care you received. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) mandates that providers share this information.

Next, check whether the billing codes are accurate. Again, simply Googling the codes with the phrase “medical billing code” can help. If something is off, contesting your bill with your medical provider or physician’s office can yield changes.

Another approach is comparing the bill with insurance companies’ estimates of fair charges for services. If the price you were charged is more than average, you can have your

costs lowered. You could even take the provider to small claims court over the discrepancy (or let them know you have a case).

Finally, compare your insurance company's "explanation of benefits" to the bill. This explanation of costs covered and not covered must match the hospital's bill. If they do not, you have another reason not to pay and to ask the provider to work with your insurance company first.

Despite the hassle, these steps can save you considerable sums of money. Even after taking these steps, you can always appeal health claims with your insurance company if you think there is any reason the bills should be covered entirely or more than the company initially decided. You can also contact your state insurance commissioner for support.

"What we've seen in our research and the data is that those folks who appeal — and there are few who appeal — but for those who appeal, there's a high level of overturning," Pastaina said.

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Community Assistance Grants

DNUSD proposal for Healthcare District support of the Harvest of the Month program for all K-8 schools

a.1. Any amount is appreciated to support Harvest of the Month for all K-8 students in Del Norte Unified School District. The approximate cost of this program is \$2,000 per month for 10 months, totally \$20,000.

2. The funds will be used to provide Harvest of the Month fruits or veggies to every student in our K-8 schools once a month. The fruit or veggie will be something in season and locally grown as much as is feasible.

3. We provide educational material to teachers with the Harvest of the Month. Our goal, which I believe supports the Healthcare District mission is to encourage students to try things they may never have tried and to understand the importance of a balanced diet which includes fresh fruit and vegetables.

4. Nutrition services can, if the Healthcare District would like, send invoices monthly showing the purchase of the fruit or veggie for that month as well as what we are using as the educational item for that month.

Thank you,

Julie Bjorkstrand

Nutrition Services Director DNUSD

707-464-0214

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Del Norte Healthcare District

From: michael young <mjy17413@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 6:39 AM
To: Del Norte Healthcare District
Subject: Fwd: Del Norte Healthcare District July update

For next Board meeting
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alissa Garcia <agarcia@crescentcity.org>
Date: August 9, 2024 at 6:36:49 AM PDT
To: michael young <mjy17413@gmail.com>, Eric Wier <ewier@crescentcity.org>
Cc: Richard Neeley <rneeley@crescentcity.org>, William Morris <wmorris@crescentcity.org>
Subject: Del Norte Healthcare District July update

Hi there,
Here is the update for July 2024.

Senior passes-
60 passes were claimed.

Recreation Swims-
A total of 410 guests swam.

Swim lessons-
Babies and Tots 8 @ \$35.00 = \$280.00
Pre Swim School 19 @ \$48.00 = \$912.00
Swim School 27 @ \$45.00 = \$1215.00
Stroke School 23 @ \$45.00 = \$1,035.00
Total = \$3442.00

Thank you,
Alissa Garcia
Aquatic Supervisor
707-464-7483 work
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agarcia@crescentcity.org
City of Crescent City
377 J Street
Crescent City, CA 95531

Secretary Report**August 2024**

The window on the Washington Blvd side of the DHHS building has been replaced. Still waiting on the east doors and front window.

I am still waiting on Oscar to install the new no smoking signs on the exterior of the building.

I have been in contact with Otis Elevator, and they are coordinating the elevator repairs. It will take two technicians. The information has been forwarded to the DIR thru Otis.

Enclosed is an update from Billie Kaye Tygart from the Crescent City Downtown Diva's.

Enclosed is a Thank you letter from the College of the Redwoods.

I wanted to bring to your attention that the December meeting is on the 24th (Christmas Eve) so that if you would like to agendize it for an upcoming meeting to move it that month you can do so.

The new garden fence is set to start October 1st. I am drafting a letter to Open Door and the Garden Department as to what is needed to be done prior to the start date.

I have still not been able to get any information locally regarding the rain gutters. I have spoke with Dwayne Lemos and Ron Lingard from Open Door and they are going to see who is available in the Eureka area. There are also some other items that may need attention on the building that they have brought to my attention. The wrapping around the steel beams is rusting. That may also need looked at.

Del Norte Healthcare District

From: Crescent City Downtown Divas <downtowndivascc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2024 9:52 PM
To: Ellie.popadic@sutterhealth.org; Preston, Danielle; Del Norte Healthcare District
Subject: POP Club highlight

Hello !

I just wanted to share a quick update. The California Department of Food & Agriculture Farm to School Network “popped” in to see POP Club in action!

Thank you again for helping us bring this important, positive and fulfilling program back.

I will schedule some time post market season to provide an update of how it went and how many kids were served.

Hope you are all having a great summer.

Billie Kaye Gavin Tygart, Founder & President

Crescent City Downtown Divas

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Mission: *The Crescent City Downtown Divas are a grassroots, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, sharing a vision about our Downtown. We are committed to building a positive force by promoting our Downtown as a vibrant destination for residents and visitors to gather, shop, work and enjoy. The Downtown Divas have taken on the task of re-energizing and revitalizing Downtown Crescent City through beautification projects, long-term improvements and Community Family events, such as First Friday & Farmers and the Downtown Crescent City Farmers & Artisans Market*

Regional Highlight

Power of Produce Club at Crescent City Farmers' Market in North Coast Region



Recently, CDFA Farm to School Network Lead Pamela Lee visited the Power of Produce (POP) Club at the Crescent City Farmers' Market! The POP Club provides a fun opportunity for children to engage in the local food system through conversations directly with farmers, educational games and demonstrations, and exposure to new fruits and vegetables.

In addition to participating in educational activities, POP Club kids receive vouchers to spend at the market, allowing them to make their own shopping decisions at the market.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

To get involved and join the farm to school momentum in the North Coast Region, reach out to Farm to School Network Lead Pamela Lee at Pamela.Lee@cdfa.ca.gov.

To connect with a farm to school team member in your region, visit the *About Us* dropdown on the [CA Farm to School Program page](#).

August 1, 2024



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Del Norte Healthcare District
550 E. Washington Blvd., Suite 400
Crescent City, CA 95531

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Dear friends,

On behalf of College of the Redwoods, we would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$10,000.00 to the Del Norte Healthcare District Scholarship. We are thrilled you have chosen to continue to support College of the Redwoods students.

Scholarships play an important role in providing accessible, affordable education to many individuals in the community. With your support, you have made a significant statement about your commitment to the college and community.

Thanks again for your contribution and for your support of higher education on the North Coast. If you have any questions about this scholarship, please don't hesitate to contact the Scholarship Office at (707) 476-4191 or scholarships@redwoods.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Keith Flamer'.

Keith Flamer
President/ Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marty Coelho'.

Marty Coelho
Executive Director of College Advancement & the CR Foundation

CR Foundation Tax ID #94-1603509

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RECIPIENT:

Del Norte Healthcare District

PO Box 2034
Crescent City, CA 95531

Quote #912

Sent on Aug 15, 2024

Total **\$3,200.00**

SERVICE ADDRESS:

550 East Washington Boulevard
Crescent City, California 95531

Product/Service	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
Tree Removal	This includes removing the cypress tree on the east side parking lot area behind the fence gate. We will be cutting the stump down to grade height. Leaving all wood as it lies on the green belt and chipping up all debris and hauling it away. A detailed clean up will be performed on the conclusion of this project.	1	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Video Link: https://youtu.be/uWlpZfZ4hW4				



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Product/Service	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
Clean Up Agreement PG 1	<p>CLEAN UP AGREEMENT: The customer understands that this quote is based off of the initial interaction/conversation with the customer. Any changes to the quote will revert in a price change to the final amount. Any changes should be made within 72 hours of the job starting and a written approval of the new subject amount will be needed before the changes can take place.</p> <p>ANYTHING NOT IN WRITING ON THIS QUOTE, WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE JOB. PLEASE REQUEST CHANGES TO THE QUOTE IF THERE IS SOMETHING WE MISSED. ALL LOGS AND LIMBS WILL NOT BE CUT UP INTO FIREWOOD/KINDLING LENGTHS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY SPECIFIED IN THIS QUOTE.</p> <p>The Customer has within 48 hours of the time that the job was finished to request any touch up work. After that time-line, all sales are final.</p> <p>PERFORMANCE: Work crews may arrive at the job site unannounced unless otherwise noted herein. Contractor shall attempt to meet all performance dates, but shall not be liable for damages due to delays from inclement weather or ANY other causes beyond our control.</p> <p>WORKMANSHIP: All work will be performed professionally by experienced personnel outfitted with the appropriate tools and equipment to complete the job properly. Unless otherwise indicated herein, Contractor will remove wood, brush, and debris incidental to the work to a reasonable standard. Tree work by nature requires heavy equipment that can and will cause incidental damages to the job site. The Contractor will make every effort to repair any damages done by equipment but will not be held liable for any damages requiring repair from outside sources. Customer assumes full responsibility for damages to any walkways, driveways, yards or the like.</p> <p>INSURANCE: Contractor and any subcontractors are insured for \$1 million in General Liability resulting from injury to persons or property. Anything not covered by the policy will be the responsibility of the customer. The customer agrees to waive ANY indemnification or deferred liability, against or toward the Contractor, in excess of the Contractor's policy.</p>	1	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Clean Up Agreement PG 2	<p>OWNERSHIP: The customer warrants that all trees, plant material and property upon which work is to be performed are either owned by him/her or that permission for the work has been obtained from the owner. Contractor is to be held harmless from all claims for damages resulting from the customer's failure to obtain such permission.</p> <p>SCHEDULING/CANCELLATION FEE: Contractor kindly requests that the authorizing party provide at least 72 hours advance notice of any full or partial work cancellation for jobs that have been scheduled in advance. If a crew has been dispatched to the job site for scheduled work, and the customer cancels the job, the customer may be assessed a mobilization fee of at least \$200 (up to incurred damages) for incurred expenses.</p> <p>SAFETY: Contractor warrants that all arboricultural operations will follow the industry safety standards. The authorizing party agrees to not enter the work area during arboricultural operations unless authorized by the crew leader on-site.</p> <p>PET WASTE: Pet waste is extremely hazardous to the health of our crews. Pet waste can carry diseases such as salmonella, E. coli, and other infections. If pet waste is present in the work area when the crew arrives, the crew will not perform any work. We will notify you to reschedule if such a scenario occurs. This may be subject to additional fees.</p> <p>TREE DECLINE/FAILURE: Contractor will make the customer aware of any problems found with trees while on property. It is impossible to know or identify all problems and predict all failures. We will give our best opinion of structural stability and tree health based on visual inspection. Customer acknowledges the contractor is not to be held responsible for any decline in tree health or failure of trees or damage caused by failure of any or all trees once crews leave the site. It shall be expressly known by the customer to ensure that all tasks were performed to standard and are acceptable BEFORE crews depart.</p>	1	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Clean Up Agreement PG 3	<p>RATES AND SETTLEMENTS: Due to the highly volatile nature of the industry, it shall be expressly known that all rates and settlements are based on contract rates. At no time, for any reason, shall rates be considered pro-rated except at the sole discretion of the Contractor. Services may be rendered under less than ideal circumstances in which case, it shall be expected to reach a mutual understanding as to fair and just reimbursement. Although the contractor may offer additional services upon completion of initial services, this shall by no means obligate the contractor to any additional terms.</p> <p>TERMS OF PAYMENT: A standard and customary, non-refundable deposit is required to commence work. Any deposits made on work that has started by the performance date may be subject to refund. Due to volatility in conditions or for any other unforeseen reason, projects that have begun and are still making progress after the performance date will still be subject to full payment upon completion. All accounts are net payable due upon receipt of the invoice. Tree Ventures Inc will need a card on file before we can begin/continue service. This card will be used for auto-pay purposes. Once the card number is entered into our system, the exp. date, CVC, and 16 digits are hidden from any account representative (including the owner), so that the cards information can be stored securely. If this agreement is being sent to a commercial customer, than the card on file does not apply. A service charge of 5% will be added monthly to accounts not fully paid 30 days subsequent to the invoice date. Customer is responsible for all costs associated with the collection, including, but not limited to, attorney fees and court costs.</p>	1	\$0.00	\$0.00



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Unforeseen Work Site Conditions Clause	<p>If concealed or unknown conditions, including, but not limited to, surface, subsurface and/or site environmental conditions, which affect in whole or in part, the performance of the Work then the Contractor shall stop work and give notice by verbal or by the "Change Order Form" to Owner before conditions are further disturbed. The customer shall either sign the Change Order Form OR if the customer is not present, deliver to our staff a written confirmation of the change order. The Agreement (e.g., costs, prices, schedule, etc.) shall be adjusted and revised for the customers review. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, Items under brush that have to be moved and worked around, Concrete/other items in tall grass that our mowers could run into, cords running through shrubs that are not made aware to us before-hand, that our hedge trimmers could cut.</p> <p>If there are any in-organic materials in the project that was not made aware to us before hand, that damages our equipment, a \$70 fee will be applied to the final invoice at the end. If there are any in-organic objects inside of trees that we are cutting, that are not made aware to us before hand, that dull, break, or damage our equipment/chain(s), a \$85 fee will be applied to the final invoice. Any damage to our mowers for undisclosed objects in the ground will result in the customer and contractor, splitting the cost of repairs, 50/50.</p>	1	\$0.00	\$0.00

A deposit of \$640.00 will be required to begin.

Total **\$3,200.00**

This quote is valid for the next 30 days, after which prices may be subject to change. Payment is due upon receipt. If payment is not made within 14 days of receipt, the customer authorizes charge of credit card on file with a 2.9% credit card charge. By signing this quote and/or providing a deposit (if necessary), you are authorizing Your Local Tree Experts to provide the service(s) presented here in this quote. All deposits will be non-refundable if the client wishes to cancel this said agreement. Invoiced customers that have not paid their bill for 30 days will be subject to a 10% late fee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Executive Director Charlaine Mazzei, MSW

- Senior Nutrition Services
- Low-Income Utility Assistance
- Information & Referral
- Redwood Cove Senior Apartments
- Homeless Services

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August 16, 2024

Del Norte Healthcare District
550 E. Washington Blvd.
Crescent City, CA 95531

Dear Healthcare District Board Members,

On behalf of the Del Norte Senior Center (DNSC), I am writing to request funding assistance to support DNSC's long-standing senior nutrition program. With the end of pandemic-related supplemental funding, and the unavailability of the Community Development Block Grant program, DNSC is facing a projected deficit of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2024-25. We are requesting your support to close that gap.

DNSC is a 501(c)(3) private non-profit corporation founded in 1976. DNSC receives a significant portion of its overall funding from federal contracts and grants which require DNSC to participate in annual Single Audits and multiple outside agency reviews of its accounting practices and program outcome documentation. It has the capacity to responsibly manage and report the results of funding provided by the Healthcare District.

The DNSC Senior Nutrition Program serves individuals aged 60 and over with one nutritionally balanced meal per weekday. In cases of extreme need, additional meals are provided for weekends and holidays. Meals are served on-site for group dining and delivered to those who qualify as homebound and unable to prepare their own meals.

Support for the Senior Nutrition Program is completely aligned with the mission of the Del Norte Healthcare District to support the health and wellbeing of our community. Multiple studies, including those conducted by Meals on Wheels America, the National Institutes of Medicine and the American Association of Retired Persons, have highlighted the critical problem of food insecurity and malnutrition among seniors. These same studies have demonstrated the significant health benefits of providing nutrition support to seniors. Documented outcomes of

senior nutrition programs such as ours include reduced health care costs, reduced out-of-home care placements, increased food security, improved diet quality, reduced falls, increased home safety and reduced social isolation and loneliness. Home delivery programs in particular provide our most vulnerable seniors with a critical daily check-in that can identify life-threatening issues early.

Core funding for the senior nutrition program comes from federal Older Americans Act Title III and Nutrition Services Incentive Program. The funding comes through the California Department of Aging and the Area 1 Agency on Aging. Title III and NSIP funding has never supported more than half of the program costs. The program has always needed supplemental funding to operate.

Between 2020 and 2023, COVID supplemental funding supported both normal funding needs and the increased need brought on by the pandemic. These supplemental funds have run out, but we have not seen the need decrease.

Traditionally, DNSC has been included in the County's Community Development Block Grant applications. The last application was awarded in 2022 for the 2021 application year. These funds were fully expended in January 2024. Because of decisions made by the state agency that controls the funding, Del Norte County has not been able to reapply since 2021. The 2024 funding application process has so far been delayed. Based on past experience, even if we are awarded funding, it will not be available until FY 2025-26.

The need for the senior nutrition program has dramatically increased in the last six years. In 2018-19, the program served 781 individuals with 42,503 meals. In 2023-24, the program served 873 individuals with 67,706 meals. Del Norte has an aging population, and we do not see the need for these critical services decreasing over time.

In that same time, costs for food, fuel, packaging and staffing have skyrocketed. The California minimum wage has increased from \$11 an hour in January 2018 to \$16 an hour in 2024. We have had to increase our minimum to \$20 an hour to compete with the new minimum wage for fast food service workers. Increases in the minimum wage impact all staff costs since additional compensation is needed for positions of increased responsibility.

The average price per gallon for gas increased from \$3.15 in January 2018 to \$4.77 as of June 2024. These increased fuel prices impact us in two ways. Most directly,

the cost of running our three delivery trucks has increased. In addition, increased fuel costs are passed on to us by our food and supply delivery vendors. Costs have increased the most over the last two years as inflation has impacted everything.

The tables included with this letter show the increases in service needs and costs since 2018-19. While we are taking steps to reduce costs for fiscal year 2024-25, cost reductions alone will not close the funding gap without resulting in catastrophic reductions in services. We would have to end at least two of our three delivery routes currently serving Smith River and parts of the north side of town, cutting services to hundreds of seniors we currently serve.

The immediate help of the Healthcare District is critical to addressing the senior nutrition program's current \$250,000 deficit through the 2024-2025 fiscal year. It is also our hope that we can build an ongoing partnership to help stabilize the funding for this essential service in the coming years.

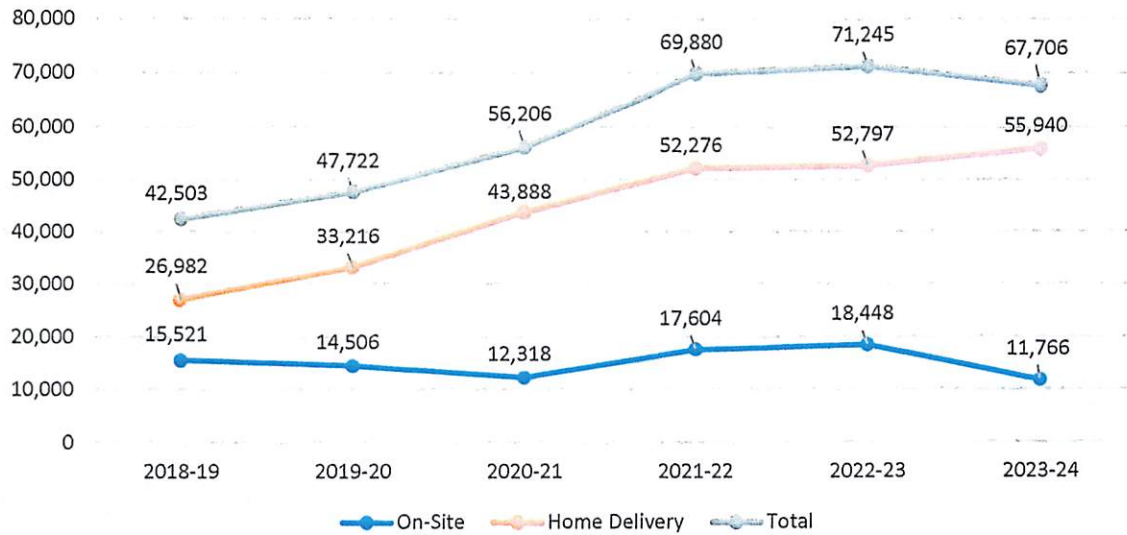
Thank you for your consideration of this request. I will be available at your meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

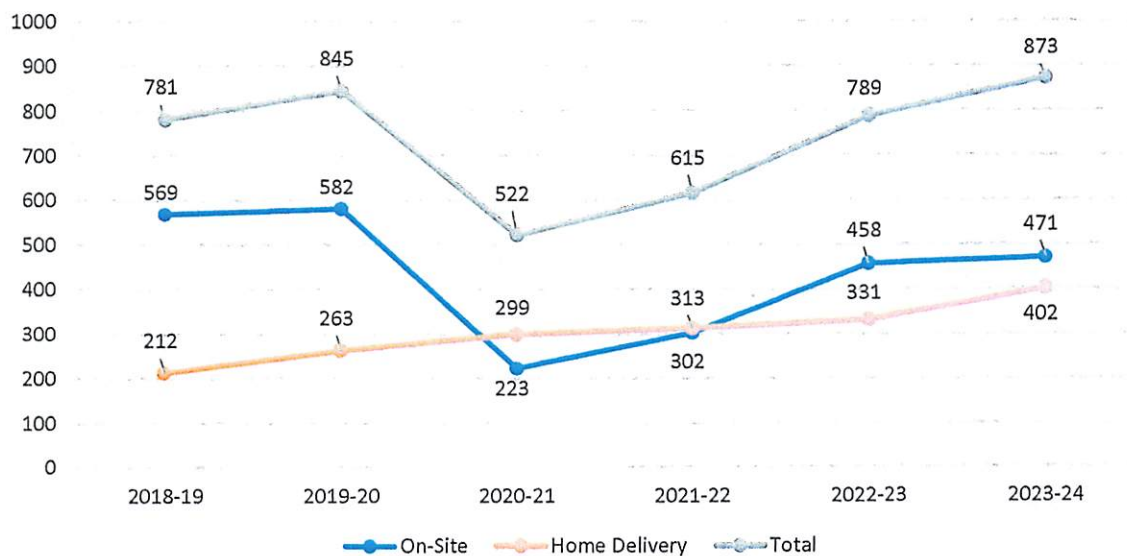


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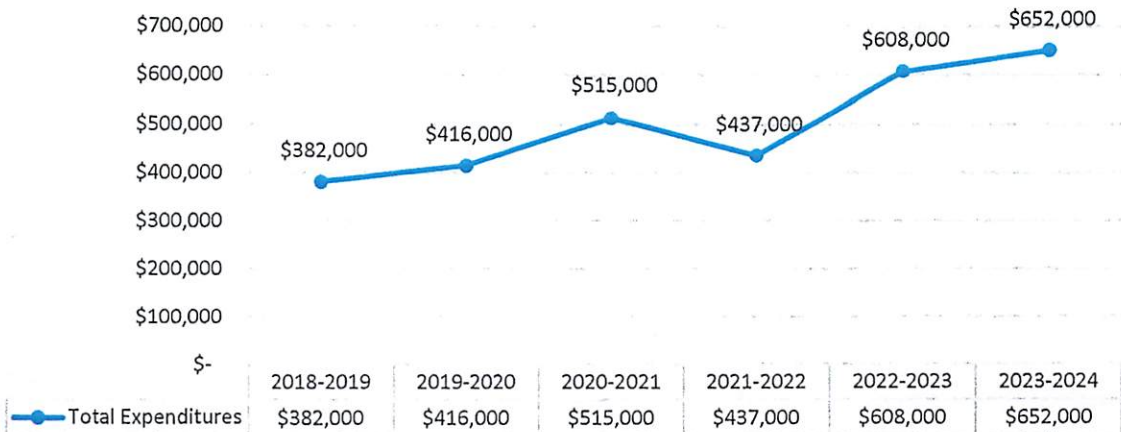
Del Norte Senior Center Nutrition Services Meals Served



Del Norte Senior Center Nutrition Services Seniors Served



Del Norte Senior Center Nutrition Program Total Expenditures



Del Norte Senior Center Nutrition Program Expenditure Categories

