Agenda Item B.2
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Shannon Kirn, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation from Nonprofits Assisting Community Members Impacted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement Activities

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation from nonprofit organizations that received City grant funding to assist community members impacted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement activities.

BACKGROUND:

At the July 21, 2025, Special City Council meeting, the City Council directed the City Manager to convene the Human Services Standing Committee (Committee) to allocate $100,000 in grant funding to local nonprofit organizations providing frontline assistance to individuals and families impacted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities. The Council identified priority services including legal defense, mental health support, and direct services or financial assistance. The City Council also authorized the Committee to make final funding decisions and select recipients without the need for further City Council approval.

On July 24, 2025, the Committee met and selected the following three (3) nonprofits to provide services to separated families and children in crisis impacted by ICE activities:

1) 805UndocuFund: $45,000 for direct services and financial assistance;
2) Immigrant Legal Defense Center: $45,000 for emergency legal aid and defense; and
3) LEAP (Learn Engage Advocate Partner): $10,000 for counseling and mental health support.

The grants were intended to support organizations providing immediate assistance to community members and families affected by ICE activities, with each organization using its funding to address needs within its respective area of service.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this item is to receive an update from the three (3) nonprofits that received grant funding and to learn about the services provided, outcomes achieved during the past year, and challenges that are still being faced.

Representatives from 805UndocuFund, Immigrant Legal Defense Center, and LEAP will provide the City Council with an overview of their respective programs and how the City's grant funding was utilized. The presentations will provide an opportunity for the City Council and community to learn more about each organization's work and the impact of the City's support.

GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:

City-Wide Initiative: 2. Support Community Vitality and Enhanced Recreational Opportunities
Strategic Goal: 2.1 Provide community development for neighborhoods and social welfare assistance for disadvantaged and/or marginalized groups.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The $100,00 in grant funding was appropriated and awarded last Fiscal Year in November 2025 to the nonprofit organizations identified in this report. There is no additional fiscal impact associated with this item. Any future funding opportunities or related actions would be subject to City Council or Committee consideration and appropriation, as applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could direct staff to return with additional information or recommendations regarding the grants or related services. The City Council could also provide direction to staff or the Human Services Standing Committee regarding potential future actions or funding opportunities.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager