

**Innovation Fund (Pilots and Innovative Projects): \$2,000,000 (One-time)**

The concept of an innovation fund available for funding pilot programs and innovative projects was brought to the attention of the Measure X Community Advisory Board and supported by Board of Supervisor members. Guidelines/policies for the fund have not been developed. It is anticipated that the funding would be available to County departments, cities, and community-based organizations in response to local service needs. The funding would be prioritized to community-embraced and community-based programs and services. Minimally the funds would be used to support the Measure X funding goal of Equity in Action (Goal #2). Significant work will be required to develop funding guidelines. Once developed, it is recommended that the Innovation Fund guidelines be reviewed in a future Finance Committee meeting prior to issuing requests for proposals.

**Recommendation:**

The County Administrator's recommendation is to fund a one-time allocation of \$2,000,000. As with all of the Measure X funded programs, in future years the success of the pilots and projects will be evaluated. Should the model produce positive measurable outcomes, additional funding will be recommended. The recommendation includes allocating these funds to the County Administrator's Office for development of funding guidelines and allocations. It is recommended that the Innovation Fund guidelines be reviewed in a future Finance Committee meeting prior to issuing requests for proposals.