

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2  
MEETING DATE: MAY 15, 2023

**SOUTH SANTA CLARA VALLEY  
MEMORIAL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA REPORT**

Date: May 15, 2023  
To: South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District Board of Directors  
From: Christine West, Executive Director  
Subject: Approve the Egleberry Mural with a \$2,000 Budget for Materials and Authorize the Executive Director to Apply for a Grant for Artist Fees.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Egleberry Mural with a \$2,000 Budget for Materials and Authorize the Executive Director to Apply for a Grant for Artist Fees.

**DISCUSSION**

Local artist Sheryl Cathers has already donated a significant amount of time and talent to paint murals inside the Hall. She is now proposing a new project – the outside wall on Egleberry. It will feature a waving flag, with all branches of service recognized and other silhouettes. She uses high grade paints and an anti-graffiti protective coat so that the mural will last a long time. She is offering to donate her time, which would normally cost \$12,000, but estimates the cost for materials will be \$2,000. She is only asking for the District to cover the material costs.

Jesse has already secured a gracious donation of a lift from Sunbelt Rentals. Jesse will handle the power washing of the wall before she starts and re-wrap the exterior pipes so they can be painted.

However, staff would like to apply for the Gilroy Elevate the Arts Grant made available through SVCcreates and the David & Lucile Packard Foundation. Not only could the grant pay for the materials cost but it could also provide some payment for the artist.

Timing is perfect. The deadline for the grant is June 9 and the mural has to be completed between June 15, 2023 and July 21, 2024. Grants will be awarded by the end of June/early July. Sheryl would like to start about that time and it would take a couple of weeks to complete.