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Agenda Report

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Presentation of 2021 City of Santa Clara/Silicon Valley Power Scholarships

COUNCIL PILLAR

Manage Strategically Our Workforce Capacity and Resources

BACKGROUND

As part of the first Council Principles and Priorities, Council implemented a program called the "City of Santa Clara Silicon Valley Power Scholarship Program," which was designed to provide tuition and technical grants and an internship to students with a goal of entering a field related to energy services, public power, and/or the power industry. On May 16, 2006 the first of these scholarships were awarded. To qualify, a student must be a resident of or go to school in Santa Clara. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Applicants are evaluated by members of the local academic and business community on various criteria, including academic achievements, community involvement and artistic or athletic achievements. Since its inception, 54 students have participated in the Scholarship/Technical Grant Program. Including this year's recipients, a total of \$252,000 has been awarded in scholarship/grant funds.

DISCUSSION

Staff will present the 2021 City of Santa Clara/Silicon Valley Power Scholarship Awards in the amount of \$5,000 to each recipient. Amanda McDowell has recently graduated from Wilcox High School and anticipates pursuing a degree in Business Administration and Architecture at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Cynthia Vo has recently finished attending DeAnza Community College and anticipates pursuing a degree in Facility and Sustainable Management and Business Administration at San Jose State University.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. Silicon Valley Power sets aside funds for these scholarships in the annual department operations budget.

COORDINATION

This report has been coordinated with the Finance Department.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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