



## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

**ITEM NO. 5.2**

**DATE:** October 14, 2025

**TO:** Chairperson and Members of the Human Services Commission

**FROM:** Josh Thurman, Human Services Programs Manager

**SUBJECT:** Report on the proposed updates to the Social Opportunity Endowment (SOE) Fund Ordinance.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends the Human Services Commission receive a report on the proposed updates to the Social Opportunity Endowment (SOE) Fund Ordinance.

### **DECISION TYPE**

Not Applicable

### **SUMMARY**

A report on staff's recommendation to City Council regarding amendments to Livermore Municipal Code Chapter 3.45 Social Opportunity Endowment Fund (SOE) sections 3.45.020 Purpose of the Fund to amend language allowing only the interest earnings of the fund to be spent, and 3.45.040 Administration and Organization of Fund to ensure the long-term sustainability of the SOE fund.

Due to the growing need for services in the community, the proposed ordinance amendments made to Council include increasing the fiscal year spending limit from \$80,000 to \$150,000 with a 3% annual increase and striking language linking the SOE to the portions of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program as outlined in the Ordinance.

The amendments also provide language to clarify the SOE is intended to be similar to an endowment where the balance of the fund is grown so the interest earnings will primarily provide a stable source of revenue in addition to slowly drawing down the principal to support the delivery of human services in the city.

The City Council approved the first reading of the amended SOE ordinance on September 8, 2025. Final adoption is pending Council's second reading of the amended ordinance on October 13, 2025.

### **DISCUSSION**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

### **1. Chapter 3.45 Social Opportunity Endowment Fund**

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