

## **Grants Committee Recommendation – Lowe Family YMCA**

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$10,000** from donations that PPCC has received to the Lowe Family YMCA (LFYMCA), toward expenses to produce a free community Thanksgiving Meal and gathering on November 22, 2025.

The Grants Committee believes that this award will contribute to community spirit and is especially important as we begin to emerge from the catastrophe and may wish to reconnect with our friends and neighbors and express gratitude for our survival.

The LFYMCA notes that for decades, it has “served as a trusted partner and gathering place for families in Pacific Palisades . . . Today, as the community continues to heal from the devastating impact of recent wildfires, new events will play an essential role in restoring resilience.”

The LFYMCA further explains that these gatherings will “offer opportunities for neighbors to reconnect, share resources and rebuild a sense of stability.”

One of the events that the LFYMCA wishes to host is a free Community Thanksgiving Meal on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at Simon Meadow in the Palisades.”<sup>1</sup> The LFYMCA explains that the event will serve 50-100 families and engage “up to 250 guests and volunteers in a shared spirit of gratitude and connection.”

The Grants Committee Application Guidelines provide that the Committee “will interpret the phrase “fire recovery” broadly; it shall encompass repair, restoration and/or remediation . . . as well as efforts to inspire, renew or create community spirit, culture, traditions or institutions . . . .”

By providing for this important opportunity for community members to reconnect and celebrate our survival post-Fire, this grant would support the goal of overall Palisades Fire Recovery. The Grants Committee requests that the PPCC Board approve a \$10,000 grant to the LFYMCA for the purpose described above.

### ***By the PPCC Grants Committee:***

*Quentin Fleming, Chair; Janet Anderson, Steve Cron, Lorie Cudzil, Chris Spitz, Andrew Wolfberg, Maryam Zar (recused from participation in discussion and vote, as a Board member of the LFYMCA)*

*Prepared in connection with the November 13, 2025, PPCC Board meeting.*

---

<sup>1</sup> The LFYMCA advises that the combined cost estimate for several community events that the LFYMCA wishes to produce is approximately \$25,000 (balance of costs after considering other funding sources). The Grants Committee believes that the recommended grant of \$10,000 should cover the expenses of the Thanksgiving Meal event, including tables, chairs, utensils, food, décor, clean-up and other related costs. If the total expenses in the end are less than the grant amount, then the LFYMCA may apply the balance to costs of future LFYMCA-sponsored holiday or seasonal community meals or gatherings featuring free food for Palisades community members.