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LOS ALTOS OFFERING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KITS TO RESIDENTS

Los Altos, Calif. — March 8, 2021 —The City recently announced the opening of the 2020-21 Community and Emergency Preparedness Grants Program, with new readiness package options.

The Community and Emergency Preparedness Grants (CEPG) program launched two years ago, funding neighborhood projects to improve emergency preparedness and strengthen community. Now Los Altos recipients can choose between various predefined packages-CPR/AED training, handheld radios, or emergency medicine kits-to further strengthen neighborhood preparedness.

“Last year, local and national emergencies underscored the importance of emergency preparedness within our own households and community,” said Mayor Neysa Fligor. “We’re excited to build out this program and provide these additional resources, which we hope will help our residents be better prepared for emergencies, while also learning life-saving skills.”

To be eligible for the CEPG packages, an applicant must be a resident of the City of Los Altos and be in a **Block Action Team** or **Neighborhood Watch Group**. If a neighborhood is not yet registered, the neighborhood can sign up at the same time as a CEPG package is requested. The applicant can choose one of four predefined package options:

- **Neighborhood CPR/AED Training:** All residents in the Block Action Team (BAT) or Neighborhood Watch group will have the opportunity to learn Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator, and earn their two-year American Heart Association certification card.
- **Stop-the-Bleed Kits:** Households will take the Stop-the-Bleed class and receive a basic supply kit. Stop-the-Bleed teaches three quick actions to help save the lives of those who are severely bleeding.
- **Family Radio Service (FRS) Radios:** Neighborhood emergency preparedness volunteers use these radios to communicate during the response to an event. The neighborhood group can request up to two sets of radios.
- **Earthquake Emergency Medical Kits:** These kits go beyond a standard first aid kit by stocking supplies that would be needed to treat earthquake-related injuries. A neighborhood group may request up to three kits.

The CEPG program will distribute the grant packages, to qualifying neighborhoods, on a rolling basis from the time of the 2020-21 program’s announcement until the budget is exhausted, or until May 21, 2021, whichever comes first.

For more information on the CEPG program, visit losaltosca.gov/cepg. To learn more about Los Altos PREPARES and emergency preparedness in Los Altos, visit losaltosca.gov/emergencyprep.

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