

# CSA among 'safety net' nonprofits getting \$1.5 million in grants

*Staff Reports*

With an increasing number of people requiring food and shelter in Santa Clara County, two new grants totaling \$1.5 million from the Applied Materials Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation are poised to ease the burden on the needy — and on the organizations that help them.

Among the recipients is Mountain View's Community Services Agency, which received \$50,000. The grant will support the nonprofit's food bank and its programs to help pay housing and utility bills for its clients, said director of development Jim Boin.

"We have more people wanting help and we have less food to offer them," Boin said. "This money will help us."

The agency just finished its fiscal year, and Boin said the number of people needing

emergency assistance was up 9 percent over last year and the number of residents using the food bank jumped 13.5 percent, while donations are down 6 percent.

CSA executive director

Tom Myers said demand for the agency's services has risen most dramatically in the past few months.

"We're going to focus on the most emergency kinds of things," he said. "It's really important

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The grants, announced Tuesday, will be distributed to organizations in Santa Clara County that offer food, shelter and other basic services. Other recipients include Salvation Army Santa Clara County, Sunnyvale Community Services and Sacred Heart Community Service. United Way Silicon Valley is helping to distribute the money.

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