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October 4, 2001

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Sacramento START Grant Funding

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council, by resolution:

- Authorize staff to apply for After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Program (ASLSNPP) grants from the California Department of Education (CDE) that would provide for another three years of funding for the Sacramento START after-school literacy and enrichment program, and to provide funds to allow the program to serve additional students at the existing sites and to operate during the summer and during school vacation periods; and
- Authorize the City Manager to accept grant funding from CDE for the Sacramento START after-school snack program for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, to execute all agreements and documents necessary to operate the program, to appropriate grant funds, and to amend the operating grants budget.

CONTACT PERSON: Marie L. Dixon, START and Grants Manager, 277-6022

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: October 16, 2001

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Education (CDE) has announced the ASLSNPP grants that would allow the Sacramento START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) after-school program to operate for an additional three years, and would allow the program to serve additional students and operate during school vacations and summer breaks. Staff is seeking approval to apply for those grants consistent with the direction of the Council and the funding needs identified in the START funding report of March 2000.

In addition, the START after-school literacy and enrichment program has been providing snacks for nearly 5,000 elementary school students since 1998. City Council last gave approval to operate the after-school snack program for the program year that ended September 30, 2000. Staff is requesting approval at this time

for the program years that end September 30, 2001, and September 30, 2002.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND:

Overall Program Funding

Sacramento START has been operating at elementary schools throughout the City and County of Sacramento since 1995. The program provides literacy, homework assistance and enrichment programs to more than 5,000 children in schools that have more than half of their students in the free and reduced lunch programs. Funding is provided through a partnership with the California Department of Education, the City and County of Sacramento, the six participating school districts (Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove Unified, Natomas Unified, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Union, and Sacramento City Unified), donations from foundations, businesses and individuals.

Currently, START is operating in the third year of a three-year grant from CDE. CDE provides more than \$2 million of funding for the START program. The school districts contribute \$15,600 per school for a total of about \$600,000, and the City and County of Sacramento each contribute \$800,000. Non-CDE funding is required in order to provide the necessary 50% match of state funds.

CDE recently announced the next series of competitive grants to provide funding to out-of-school programs similar to START. Staff recommends a recertification of the current level of funding for existing schools for another three-year period. Staff also recommends applying for grants that would allow us to serve the large population of students currently not funded by CDE at our existing schools, and to serve students during school vacations and summer.

Snack Program Funding

START has been providing snacks for its students since 1998. City Council last gave approval to operate the after-school snack program on January 25, 2000 (Resolution 2000-34) for the program year that ended September 30, 2000. Staff is requesting approval for the program year that ended September 30, 2001 and for the year ending September 30, 2002.

In the last two years START has been contracting with the individual school districts to provide and deliver the snacks to their participating schools. The school districts are familiar with federal and state requirements for food programs since they all operate those programs during the school day. If approval is given, we would sign new contracts for the school districts to continue to purchase, store, prepare and deliver the snacks. START staff would continue to administer the distribution of snacks at the school sites.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

At this time there is no financial impact for applying for the three CDE program grants described. If successful, staff will return to Council to seek approval to accept the grants.

The grants for each of the two snack program years October 1, 2000 - September 30, 2001, and October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002, would be \$410,000, for a total of \$820,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental considerations associated with this report.

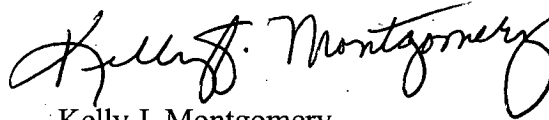
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The START program is consistent with the City Council direction of improving the quality of life in Sacramento for all families and providing positive activities for youth. START is a national model and has been selected as a Promising Practice as an example of partnerships with the community, other government agencies, and the private sector to improve the social and academic opportunities for children.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

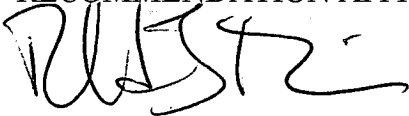
For the snack program, START staff would contract directly with the six school districts to purchase, store, prepare and deliver the snacks to their START schools, rather than purchasing the food through START. START staff would distribute the snacks at the schools, and the time spent doing so would be charged to the grant. No other purchasing or hiring is anticipated.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly J. Montgomery
Area Director

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-685

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VARIOUS MATTERS RELATED TO GRANT FUNDING FOR THE SACRAMENTO START AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento desires to continue and improve the Sacramento START after-school literacy, homework assistance and enrichment program in elementary schools throughout the City and at County locations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. The City Manager, or a designated representative, is authorized to execute all documents, including any amendments or re-applications thereto, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, with the California Department of Education (CDE) as necessary to apply for grants that would allow the Sacramento START after-school program to operate for an additional three years, and that would allow the program to serve additional students and operate during school vacations and summer breaks.
2. The City Manager, or a designated representative, is authorized to accept grant funds from CDE for the Sacramento START after-school snack program for the program years October 1, 2000 - September 30, 2001, and October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002.
3. The City Manager, or a designated representative, is authorized to execute all agreements and documents, including any extensions, amendments or re-applications thereto, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, with CDE as necessary to operate the after-school snack program; with the Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove Unified, Natomas Unified, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Union, and Sacramento City Unified school districts as necessary to operate the after-school snack program at elementary schools within those districts; and with other individuals or organizations as necessary to operate the after-school snack program.
4. The START Fund (245) is hereby amended to reflect the operation of the Sacramento START after-school snack program as follows:

Revenue	245-OGR-G332-3513	Federal grants	\$410,000
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