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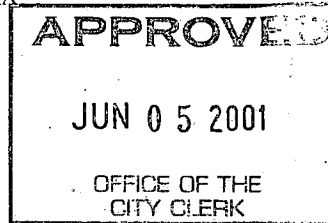
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May 24, 2001

City Council
Sacramento, California

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR 2000/2001 EVALUATION OF
SACRAMENTO START**

LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT: All Districts

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council, by resolution, authorize the execution of a modified agreement with Minicucci Associates to prepare the Sacramento START evaluation for the 2000/2001 school year in accordance with the requirements of the California State Department of Education

CONTACT PERSON: Marie L. Dixon, Grants Manager, -- 264-5858

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 5, 2001

SUMMARY:

The City of Sacramento as the fiscal and implementing agency for the Sacramento START program is required to comply with all requirements of the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Program. This legislation currently provides \$2.7 million to operate 32 sites in the City and County of Sacramento and requires the submittal of annual outcome based data for evaluation, including measures for academic performance, attendance, and positive behavioral changes. The State Department of Education may consider these outcomes when determining eligibility for grant renewal.



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The evaluation guidelines recommend the use of a local evaluator for qualitative evaluation to improve the program.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program provides \$85,000,000 for programs in 900 elementary and middle school programs throughout California. The long-term sustainability of this valuable program to 95,000 children will be supported by a comprehensive evaluation process that demonstrates significant outcomes.

The local evaluator will be meeting the evaluation requirements of all funding sources and will be providing valuable qualitative analysis for the Sacramento START partners to improve the services and meet the needs of the six school districts. The long-term intent is to provide a framework for evaluation that will be coordinated with the regional efforts for out of school programs.

Minicucci Associates was selected to conduct the 1999/2000 Sacramento START evaluation and is familiar with the Department of Education reporting requirements as well as the data gathering procedures applicable to the six different school districts. Minicucci Associates can also deliver the evaluation by the State deadline of October 1, 2001. In addition, they have successfully collaborated on a number of complex multi-site evaluation projects including the Title V, The Community That Cares and the Birth and Beyond Home Visitation Program Evaluation.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of \$97,904 for the evaluation is covered within the Sacramento START budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15301(a) of the CEQA guidelines.

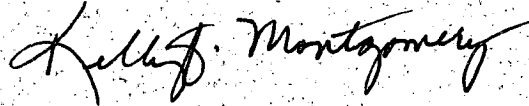
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

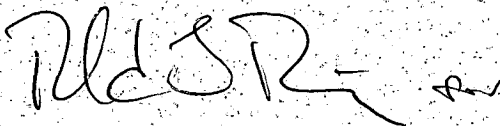
In December 2000 five professional evaluation firms received a request for proposal to evaluate the Sacramento START program. Minicucci Associates submitted the only response.

Respectfully Submitted,

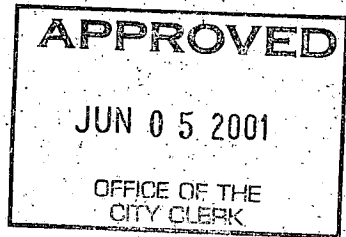


Kelly J. Montgomery, Area Director
Neighborhood Services Department

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 2001-349

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR \$97,904 WITH MINICUCCI AND ASSOCIATES TO COMPLETE THE 2000/2001 EVALUATION OF THE SACRAMENTO START PROGRAM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. The City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Minicucci and Associates to complete the Sacramento START evaluation by October 2001 and in compliance with the California Department of Education grant requirements.
2. The City Manager is further authorized to execute such additional documents and take such additional actions as necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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Date Adopted: _____