



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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CONSENT
October 18, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Approve Contract for Tutoring Services with Sacramento City Unified School District

Location/Council District: City-wide

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to sign a contract and any amendments thereto with the Sacramento City Unified School District for the City to provide supplemental educational services to the District for the 2005-2006 school year.

Contact: Ralph Pettingell, Recreation and Human Services Manager, 808-6173; David Mitchell, Program Manager, 808-6076

Presenters: NA

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Recreation and Human Services

Organization No: 4726

Summary:

This report discusses and requests action on Sacramento START's supplemental education services program.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background Information:

The supplemental educational services program is mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Services must be provided to low-income students by those schools receiving Title I, Part A, federal funds whose students are not achieving adequate yearly progress in meeting academic standards in reading and math for three years in a row.

Federal funds are distributed through the California Department of Education to school districts for this purpose. School districts notify parents at eligible schools of their right to

choose from among a list of approved service providers. School districts pay the providers directly.

In 2002, staff in the Sacramento START program applied to be a provider of supplemental educational services at the elementary school level. Authorized provider status was renewed by the State earlier this year. START is willing to consider serving students in the six school districts served by the START program – Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove Unified, Natomas Unified, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Union and Sacramento City Unified. Approximately 75 other authorized providers also have indicated a willingness to serve students in these school districts.

As of earlier this month, there are three schools in Del Paso Heights, two in North Sacramento, one in Rio Linda Union, and 15 in Sacramento City Unified that are required to offer supplemental educational services to their low-income students. Staff has been in contact with these districts to remind them that START is one of the many authorized providers. At this time, staff believes that only within the Sacramento City Unified district will there be adequate interest from parents at several of their schools to justify START offering the program. Should an adequate number of parents be interested in START's services at a school at one of the other three school districts, staff will hold discussions with the district to determine the suitability of entering into a contract.

The Sacramento City Unified School District (District) has contracted for this service from the City since April 2003, and service previously has been provided at Ethel Baker, Fruit Ridge, Jedediah Smith and Tahoe Elementary Schools. Last year 157 students were served at Fruit Ridge, 84 at Jedediah Smith and 28 at Tahoe. Fewer students were served than expected last year because the District delayed the beginning of the program to February 2005. A delay is not expected this year.

The contract with the District for the current school year calls for a maximum combined enrollment of 600 students at Susan B. Anthony, Freeport, Fruit Ridge, Edward Kemble, Father Keith B. Kenny, Nicholas, Parkway, Ethel Phillips, Jedediah Smith and Tahoe Elementary Schools. The City will be paid \$1,509.62 for each student who is provided service.

START's supplemental educational services program provides highly qualified tutors and credentialed teachers in small group and individual settings to assist students with math, reading and homework in alignment with the State education content standards. The program operates after school several days a week. The staff works together with the student's daytime teacher and parents to design a program to fit the needs of the student. The student is assessed at the beginning and the end of the program to help ensure progress is being made.

Council approval is requested to authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the contract with the District. The contract is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

Financial Considerations:

In prior reports to City Council, staff reported that revenue from the District has exceeded the City's expenditures for the program. For the program provided to the District during the 2004-2005 school year, revenues again exceeded expenditures. This excess revenue is used to support a program coordinator during the time period when the program is not in session, advance the cost of operating the program each session until payment is received from the school districts, and provide for continual liquidity.

The District determines a uniform amount they will pay to the providers each year, based on the amount the District receives from the federal government through the California Department of Education. Within limited guidelines, each provider determines what level of service will be offered. The number of contact hours with the students, and whether the students are taught by experienced teachers or by an on-line computer program, are choices providers make that determine their costs. Students using the City's program work with experienced teachers over a high number of contact hours. School principals appreciate the City's efforts, although parents are free to choose any authorized provider.

The contract for this year requires the District to pay the City \$1,509.62 for each student served by the City. The contract calls for a maximum enrollment of 600 students among the 10 elementary schools, and a maximum reimbursement to the City of \$905,772. It is estimated that program costs for the City will be \$742,200. Any excess revenue will be maintained within the START Fund 245.

On September 21, 2004, Council authorized an augmentation in the START Fund 245 expenditure and revenue budgets for this program. That augmentation is adequate to support the program outlined in the contract. For that reason, no START Fund 245 appropriation is required. Because this program is self-supporting, no General Fund appropriation is required.

Environmental Considerations:

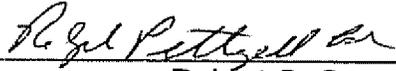
There are no environmental considerations with this report.

Policy Considerations:

This report is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

There are no ESBD considerations with this report.

Approved by: 
Robert G. Overstreet II
Parks and Recreation Director

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

BACKGROUND

- A. The City of Sacramento's Sacramento START program has been an authorized provider of supplemental educational services since 2002.
- B. The Sacramento City Unified School District has contracted with the City of Sacramento to provide supplementary educational services to their students since 2003.
- C. During the 2005-2006 school year, the Sacramento City Unified School District has authorized the City of Sacramento to provide services to their students at Susan B. Anthony, Freeport, Fruit Ridge, Edward Kemble, Father Keith B. Kenny, Nicholas, Parkway, Ethel Phillips, Jedediah Smith and Tahoe Elementary Schools.
- D. The District will pay the City \$1,509.62 for each student served, up to a maximum of 600 students and \$905,772.
- E. Council authorized in Fiscal Year 2005 an augmentation in the START Fund 245 expenditure and revenue budgets for this program. That augmentation is adequate to support the program outlined in the contract. For that reason, no START Fund 245 appropriation is required. Because this program is self-supporting, no General Fund appropriation is required.
- F. Any excess of revenues over expenditures will be maintained in the START Fund 245.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to sign a contract and any amendments thereto with the Sacramento City Unified School District for the City to provide supplemental educational services to the District for the 2005-2006 school year.