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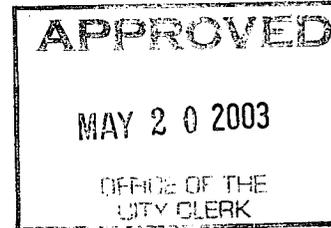
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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:



**SUBJECT: Amendment to County of Sacramento Contract for Sacramento START**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council, by resolution:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or a designated representative, to sign an amendment to a contract with the County of Sacramento that would increase funding for the Sacramento START program during the 2002-03 fiscal year.
2. Authorize the City Manager, or a designated representative, to appropriate the additional funds and to make any necessary adjustments to the revenue and expenditure budgets to account for the additional funds.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kelly J. Montgomery, Area Director, 433-2260  
Murray A. Levison, Administrative Officer, 277-6195

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** May 20, 2003

**SUMMARY:**

On July 20, 2002, City Council approved Resolution 2002-507 authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with the County of Sacramento that provided \$800,000 in financial support to the Sacramento START program for the 2002-03 fiscal year. At the May 14, 2003, meeting of the County Board of Supervisors, the Board is expected to authorize amending the contract amount to \$1,600,000 for the same time period. Authorization is requested from City Council to sign the amended contract.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** None.

**BACKGROUND:**

Sacramento START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) is a public/private collaborative providing after-school literacy and enrichment programs to more than 5,000 enrolled elementary school children in the most disadvantaged areas of the City and County. The mission of START is to build the capacity of elementary school children to succeed academically and socially, while reconnecting families and neighborhoods with their schools. START fosters enthusiasm for learning by engaging children in fun, hands-on literacy-focused activities. The program enhances the school day and supports school district academic goals in a safe and caring environment.

For many years the County of Sacramento has supported the Sacramento START program. In fiscal year 1999-2000 the annual funding amount was increased to \$800,000, matching the City's General Fund contribution.

County funds come from the federal government's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. The County receives financial incentives based on the number of their clients on assistance who become employed. These incentive funds have been used to support the Sacramento START program to ensure that children have a safe place after school to learn, allowing their parents to enter the labor market without the worry or expense of after-school child care.

Due to changes in federal budget policy, the County does not expect to have any incentive funds available in fiscal year 2003-04. However, because some incentive funds remain unspent in the current fiscal year, staff in the Department of Human Assistance have recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the contract with the City be increased by \$800,000 for this year. The additional funds would have to be spent this year.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The contract amendment will add \$800,000 to the available funding for Sacramento START for this fiscal year. Other funding sources will be carried forward to next year to make up for the loss of County funding next year.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no environmental considerations associated with this report.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The START program supports a number of goals in the City's strategic plan, including:

- Establish and Strengthen Community and Regional Partnerships to Enhance the Quality of Life (Principle – The City will pro-actively seek out partnerships with community organizations and other agencies to build, operate, program and maintain community facilities)

- Preserve and Expand the Arts and Culture, Open Space, Urban Forest, Parks, and Recreation Opportunities (Principle – The City should support broader access to regional properties, facilities and services through specialized program and partnerships)
- Enhance Educational Opportunities for the Entire Community (Principles – The City should provide resources to improve and expand accessibility to facilities and programs for community learning; Partnerships with multiple local institutions should be continuously expanded to leverage resources; Pursue opportunities to educate the public and promote civic engagement; and Support students and provide resources (e.g., libraries, START, Archives) to them so they have the best chance to be successful)

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

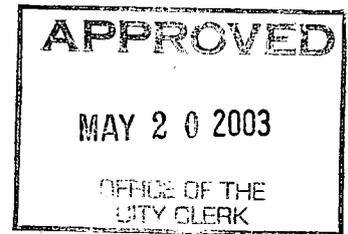
There are no ESBD considerations associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for Kelly J. Montgomery  
Area Director

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

  
 ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager



**RESOLUTION NO. 2003- 306**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT  
TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
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:**

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK