



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
August 23, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant / Agreement: Funding for the Sacramento START Program From the State of California and Program Delivery in Six School Districts

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution 1) authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents, including any amendments or reapplications thereto, with the California Department of Education as necessary to apply for, accept, amend and administer After School Education and Safety grants that would allow the Sacramento START program to operate during the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2008; and 2) authorizing the City Manager to sign all agreements and other documents, including any amendments thereto, with the Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove Unified, Natomas Unified, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Union and Sacramento City Unified school districts and with any other partner agencies necessary to allow the Sacramento START program to operate during the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2008.

Contact: David Mitchell, Program Manager, 808-6076

Presenters: NA

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Recreation and Human Services, Sacramento START

Organization No: 4726

Summary:

On July 30, 2002, City Council authorized staff to accept grant funds from the California Department of Education (CDE) that allowed the Sacramento START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) after-school program to operate for an additional three years through June 30, 2005. Council also authorized signing documents with CDE and with the six participating school districts.

As a result of a successful grant application, CDE has awarded Sacramento START another three-year After School Safety and Education grant to allow operation of the

program through June 30, 2008. Grant documents need to be signed with CDE to accept the grant and administer it over the three-year period. In addition, agreements with the six school districts need to be signed to continue operating the program at their elementary schools and accept their financial contributions.

Committee/Commission Action: None

Background Information:

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 6,000 children at more than 40 elementary schools at which at least half of the students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch programs. Funding is provided through a partnership with the California Department of Education, the City of Sacramento, the six participating school districts (Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove Unified, Natomas Unified, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Union, and Sacramento City Unified), and donations from foundations, businesses and individuals.

As a result of the successful grant application to the After School Education and Safety program, CDE sent the City a letter in May indicating that the grant would be renewed for an additional three years. Because of delays at the State, CDE has yet to forward to the City the grant documents that would show the exact amounts that could be earned at each of the 37 schools. Telephone conversations with CDE staff have provided an estimate of the maximum grant amount at \$3.2 million for Fiscal Year 2006 and the following two years.

With the school year about to begin, it is appropriate to seek authorization now for signing all of the documents that would be necessary to accept the grant from CDE and continue the successful relationship with the six school districts. Because CDE has not provided the City with their grant documents, the CDE documents are not available for review. However, staff has no reason to believe that the documents will be significantly different from the documents signed three and six years ago. Without the CDE documents, staff is not able to conclude negotiations with the school districts on the final points of our agreements. However, staff is using a uniform template for the agreements, and the school districts are waiting for the final language so that they can sign their agreements. A sample of the school district agreements, absent the final language, is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

Financial Considerations:

By accepting funds from CDE, START would be entering another three-year funding cycle. The START program would be eligible to earn a maximum amount of about \$3.2 million annually from CDE, based on actual attendance and grant maximums by school. The school districts contribute \$15,600 per school for a total of \$577,200 annually, and

the City contributes \$690,000 annually. Non-CDE funding is required in order to provide the necessary 50% match of CDE funds.

In the unlikely event that CDE reverses its decision to award a grant to the START program, adequate funding exists to operate the program at least through the end of the calendar year. This funding comes from the City's \$690,000 General Fund contribution, prorated payments that the school districts would make, as well as from payments yet to be received from CDE for operating the program during the fiscal year that just ended.

The expenditure and revenue budgets in Fund 245 already take into account the CDE grant amount and the school district contributions, so no budget amended is required.

Environmental Considerations:

There are no environmental considerations with this report.

Policy Considerations:

Operating the Sacramento START program is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The Sacramento START program has been successful in meeting the goals of using emerging and small businesses to provide supplies and services to the program. Every effort will be made to operate our program in compliance with Council-stated goals.

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

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SIX SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF THE SACRAMENTO START PROGRAM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento START program has operated since 1995 as a literacy, homework assistance and enrichment program at elementary schools throughout Sacramento County.
- B. During the life of the Sacramento START program, funding has been provided by the California Department of Education (CDE) and participating school districts.
- C. The most recent agreements with CDE and six school districts (Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove Unified, Natomas Unified, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Union, and Sacramento City Unified) expired on June 30, 2005.
- D. CDE has awarded the Sacramento START program another three-year After School Education and Safety grant to operate the program through June 30, 2008.
- E. New agreements are needed with CDE to apply for, accept, amend and administer the grant over the three-year period.
- F. New agreements are needed with the six school districts to continue operating the program at their elementary schools and accept their financial contributions.

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

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to sign all documents, including any amendments or re-applications thereto, with the California Department of Education (CDE) as necessary to apply for, accept, amend and administer

After School Education and Safety grants that would allow the Sacramento START program to operate during the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2008.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to sign all agreements and other documents, including any amendments thereto, with the Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove Unified, Natomas Unified, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Union and Sacramento City Unified school districts and with any other partner agencies necessary to allow the Sacramento START program to operate during the period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2008.