



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 29, 2014

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Agreements For Afterschool Programs

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to enter into three agreements with the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) for the Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP), Afterschool Opportunities for Kids (A-OK), and Junior High Afterschool Sports Program; and
- B. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues in the Fiscal Year 2015 Parks and Recreation Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund in the amount of \$3,879.

DISCUSSION:

Each year, the City and SBUSD enter into agreements to define terms and budgets for the administration of afterschool recreation programs (RAP, A-OK and Junior High). The programs are an important City service that provides essential support to families during the crucial afterschool hours. National statistics show that the afterschool hours, between 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., have the highest incidents of juvenile crime and youth engaging in inappropriate behaviors.

Afterschool Program Overview

Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP)

The RAP program provides recreation services, homework help, and afterschool care at four elementary school sites for 16 hours per week. In Fiscal Year 2014, 450 participants attended the program. With continuing program quality improvements and the support of school Principals, staff expects a slight increase in participation during Fiscal Year 2015. The program is very affordable; participants either pay \$150 for 30 days of service, \$70 for a drop-in 10-day pass, or a one-day drop-in fee of ten dollars per day. The City continues its support by providing \$60,000 through the General Fund for Scholarships, which is unchanged from previous years. Scholarship recipients are

usually students receiving “free or reduced” lunches through the School District, or those in need of assistance as identified by school Principals.

Afterschool Opportunities for Kids (A-OK)

Jointly funded since Fiscal Year 2000, A-OK provides an afterschool tutorial and enrichment program at seven, Title I elementary school sites through After School Education and Safety (ASES) state grant funding. Title I schools have over 50% of their student population receiving “free or reduced” lunches. The District leads the program, which targets students achieving academic scores below grade level. The program is provided through collaboration with and funding by the SBUSD, City, Healthy Start, and several other non-profit partners. During Fiscal Year 2014, 862 participants attended the program, which averaged 680 participants per day. Participants pay \$20-\$30 per month (sliding scale) for the program. The District contracts with the Parks and Recreation Department to provide recreation and enrichment activities. The Fiscal Year 2015 A-OK agreement contract amount increased this year at the District’s request to include a seventh school site, Santa Barbara Community Academy, which began in October 2013.

Junior High Afterschool Sports Program

The Junior High Afterschool Sports Program has been offered for over 20 years on all four junior high campuses through collaboration with SBUSD. In Fiscal Year 2014, the District took over operation of the program. They implemented the program utilizing certificated teachers and coaches, who have the best chance of engaging student participants. This year’s agreement includes terms for the District to provide participation numbers annually.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The RAP budget of \$247,856 was approved in the Fiscal Year 2015 Parks and Recreation Department General Fund budget, including \$207,000 in service fee revenue and \$60,000 in City contributions for scholarships. The A-OK budget of \$225,531 was approved in the Fiscal Year 2015 Miscellaneous Grants Fund. A \$3,879 increase for an additional school site in the Parks and Recreation Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund will be offset by a corresponding revenue increase provided by the District. The City’s General Fund contribution to support the A-OK program is \$47,385, unchanged from previous years. The City’s program support of the Junior High Afterschool Sports Program remains unchanged at \$20,000 and is included in the Fiscal Year 2015 Parks and Recreation Department General Fund budget.

SUMMARY:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the City continue support of the afterschool programs. The A-OK agreement was approved on the June 24, 2014,

SBUSD Board of Education agenda. The RAP and Junior High agreements were approved on the July 8, 2014, SBUSD Board of Education agenda. These agreements are for one year ending June 30, 2015.

Copies of these agreements are on file in the City Clerk's Office for public review.

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