



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 8, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Agreements For Afterschool Recreation 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. Reduce revenues and appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2016 Parks and Recreation Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the A-OK program in the amount of \$16,098.

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.

Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP)

The RAP provides recreation services, homework help, and afterschool care at four elementary school sites for 16 hours per week. In Fiscal Year 2015, 477 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 2016. The program is very affordable; participants either pay \$150 for 30 days of service, \$75 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 and administrative support. Scholarship recipients are usually students receiving "free or reduced" lunches through the SBUSD, 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 SBUSD 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 2015, 862 participants attended the program, which averaged 680 participants per day. Participants pay \$20-\$30 per month (sliding scale) for the program. The SBUSD contracts with the Parks and Recreation Department to provide recreation and enrichment activities. The Fiscal Year 2016 A-OK agreement contract increased this year at the SBUSD’s request to add an additional staff member at Adams Elementary School to assist with increased program participation.

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 the SBUSD. In Fiscal Year 2015, the SBUSD 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 reflects an increase for the City’s support of this program. The SBUSD provided program reports at the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Joint City Council and School Board meeting, which highlighted an increase in afterschool sports offerings and significant program growth. Following these presentations, the City received an official request by the SBUSD to increase the City’s annual contribution from \$20,000 to \$32,000. The justification included the recent program growth and the increased costs associated with delivering an improved afterschool sports program for youth at the Junior High level.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Council adopted the A-OK budget of \$262,515 in the Fiscal Year 2016 Miscellaneous Grants Fund, Youth Activities program. This includes \$16,098 for an additional A-OK site at Monroe Elementary School. The additional program site has since, not received ASES state grant funding; therefore, revenues and expenses associated with this service can be reduced to reflect the new agreement, bringing the budget to \$246,417.

Copies of all agreements are available for public to view in the City Clerk’s office.

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