



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 29, 2010

**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 two agreements with the Santa Barbara School Districts (SBSD) for the Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP), and Afterschool Opportunities for Kids (A-OK); and
- B. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to enter into an agreement with the Santa Barbara School Districts and Police Activities League (PAL) for the Junior High Afterschool Sports Program.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Each year, the City and SBSB enter into agreements to define terms and budgets for the administration of three afterschool recreation programs (RAP, A-OK, and Junior High Afterschool). 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 pm, have the highest incidents of juvenile crime and youth engaging in inappropriate behaviors.

### **Afterschool Programs Overview**

#### Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP)

The RAP program provides recreation services, homework help, and afterschool care at four elementary school sites. In Fiscal Year 2010, 332 participants attended the program, a seven percent decrease below the 356 participants in Fiscal Year 2009. It is assumed this decrease is partly due to the poor economy and an increase in District programs with subsidized childcare. With continuing program quality improvements and the support of school Principals, staff expects at a minimum a slight increase in participation during Fiscal Year 2011. The program is very affordable; participants either pay \$140 for 30 days of service, or pay a daily drop-in fee of seven dollars per day. The City continues its support by

providing \$60,000 in scholarships for RAP, which is unchanged from previous years. Staff works with the Principals to determine scholarship recipients. Recipients are usually students receiving “free or reduced” lunches through the School District.

#### Afterschool Opportunities for Kids (A-OK)

Jointly funded since Fiscal Year 2000, A-OK provides an afterschool tutorial and enrichment program at five Title I elementary school sites through After School Education and Safety (ASES) state grant funding. The program targets students achieving academic scores below grade level. Title I schools have over 50% of their student population receiving “free or reduced” lunches. The program is provided through collaboration and funding with the SBSD, Healthy Start, Family Services Agency, and several other non-profit providers. The program averages 520 participants daily, which is the maximum program size. Participants pay \$20-\$30 per month (sliding scale) for the program. The District contracts with Parks and Recreation Department staff to provide recreation and enrichment services for the program. City program support is \$47,385, unchanged from previous years.

#### Junior High Afterschool Sports and Recreation Program

The Junior High Afterschool Sports and Recreation Program, which is free to all participants, provides sports leagues and recreation services at four junior high school sites. After a very successful partnership in Fiscal Year 2009, PAL took leadership of the Junior High Sports Afterschool program offering three sport leagues: flag football, basketball, and soccer. The program continues to be funded by the City of Santa Barbara, SBSD, City of Goleta and PAL. The program served 543 participants in Fiscal Year 2010. Parks and Recreation continues to bring other non-profit program offerings to campuses including Club West Cross Country and BiCi Centro Earn a Bike Program. City program support is \$20,000, unchanged from previous years.

#### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The RAP Fiscal Year 2011 proposed budget of \$153,245 is covered by revenue of \$93,245 and General Fund support (for scholarships) of \$60,000. The A-OK Fiscal Year 2011 proposed program budget is \$226,152, which includes a City funding commitment of \$47,385, and SBSD’s commitment, provided through a State of California ASES grant of \$178,767. The Junior High Afterschool Sports Program Fiscal Year 2011 proposed budget is \$20,000 from the General Fund. Additional program funds are provided by SBSD (\$40,000), City of Goleta (\$18,000), and PAL (approximately \$24,000 through grants, donations, and fundraising). Additionally, the City provides in-kind administrative oversight and program coordination through two positions: a Youth Activities Supervisor and a Recreation Coordinator. Sixty-four percent of the Recreation Coordinator salary and benefit is included in the A-OK budget and reimbursed by the District.

RAP, A-OK, and the Junior High Afterschool Sports program funding is currently included in the Parks and Recreation Department Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Miscellaneous Grants Fund. The General Fund combined funding support is \$127,385 for the three programs.

**SUMMARY:**

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the City continue support of the afterschool programs. The agreements are on the June 29, 2010, Santa Barbara School Districts Board of Education agenda for final approval. These agreements are for one year ending June 30, 2011.

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