

January 16, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute agreements, and all necessary documents including any necessary amendments and extension periods, with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) for the operation of the After School Education and Safety Program and Expanded Learning Opportunities Program at Burbank, Edison, Garfield, Grant, King, Lafayette, and Herrera Elementary, and Hudson K-8 school sites, and accept grant funding in a combined total amount not to exceed \$3,750,256, for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024;

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department by \$3,750,256, offset by grant revenue. (Districts 1, 2, 7, 9)

DISCUSSION

The After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program, established in 2002, and the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP), established in 2022, funded by the California Department of Education, are both collaborative programs with the intent of creating partnerships between school districts and local government agencies for the purpose of providing after school literacy, academic enrichment, and safe constructive alternatives for K-8 students. The programs consist of two program elements: (1) an educational and literacy element that provides tutoring and/or homework assistance designed to help students meet State standards in core academic subjects; and (2) an educational enrichment element designed to provide an array of programs that include visual and performing arts, music, and general recreation activities. The California Department of Education chooses the school sites that meet the criteria for funding. Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) allocates grant funding to the City of Long Beach (City) for the ASES and ELOP programs on an annual basis. LBUSD, as the grantor, also allocates funding for additional school sites through other contracted service providers at the remaining eligible schools. The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department (PRM) has provided these services for the previous 20 years, with approximately 200,000 student visits each non-COVID-19 grant year.

As the Public Health Emergency Order (Health Order) has impacted all congregate youth programs, the Grant guidelines have been revised to include the needed flexibility for grantees to continue providing quality programming through various means, such as virtual program options. Currently, PRM will operate in-person programming on the school campuses. The program may need to revert to a virtual capacity if any future Health Order includes distancing mandates in the future.

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The allocated grant funding will be used for staffing, supervision, supplies, and administrative assistance. The distribution of funds for each of the eight school sites for the grant year has been identified (Attachment A). The grant period may be extended with the approval of LBUSD to provide additional time to spend the entirety of the grant funds. The ASES Program grant agreement requires a 15 percent in-kind match equal of \$281,269, which includes facility use, staff time, donations, programs that supplement the after-school program, and a portion of administration costs.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on December 19, 2023 and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamouh on December 29, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 16, 2024, to ensure agreements are in place expeditiously.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive grant revenues in an amount not to exceed \$3,750,256 to offset program expenditures of the same amount. Of which, the City will allocate half towards ASES and the other half towards ELOP. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$3,750,256 is requested in the General Grants Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, offset by grant revenue. LBUSD has requested the ASES grant funding continue to require a 15 percent in-kind match which is projected to be \$281,269 based on half the total grant award. The in-kind match will be satisfied with, but not limited to, youth programs provided to schools, staff time to oversee programs and providing space at city owned facilities to operate programs, in which is primarily budgeted in the General Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. This recommendation will result in a positive impact on jobs. The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department has 105 part-time employees currently working to facilitate this program.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Brent Dennis
Director
Parks, Recreation and Marine

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

Attachment: Funding Allocation Chart