



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents including any necessary amendments, with the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), for the operation of the After School Education and Safety Program at Burbank, Edison, Garfield, Grant, King, Lafayette, and Herrera Elementary Schools, and Hudson K-8 School, in an amount not to exceed \$1,875,128, for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, and authorize a 15 percent in-kind match of \$281,269; and

Increase appropriations in the General Grants Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department by \$1,875,128, offset by grant revenue. (Districts 1,2,4,6,7,9)

The After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program, funded by the California Department of Education, was established in 2002, as a collaborative program 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. ASES consists of two program elements: an educational and literacy element that provides tutoring and/or homework assistance designed to help students meet State standards in core academic subjects, and 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. LBUSD allocates grant funding to the City of Long Beach (City) for the ASES program on an annual basis. LBUSD, as the ASES 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 18 years, with approximately 200,000 student visits each non-COVID grant year.

As the Public Health Emergency Order (Health Order) has impacted all congregate youth programs, the ASES 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 the Health Order includes distancing mandates in the future.

The allocated grant funding will be used for program staffing, supervision, supplies, and administrative assistance. The distribution of funds for each of the eight school sites for this grant year has been identified (Attachment). The grant agreement requires a 15 percent in-kind match equal to \$281,269, which includes facility use, staff time, donations, programs that supplement the afterschool program, and a portion of administration costs.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on October 7, 2021 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on October 6, 2021.

City Council action is requested on November 9, 2021, to ensure the contract is in place expeditiously.

The City will receive grant revenues in an amount not to exceed \$1,875,128 to offset program expenditures of the same amount. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$1,875,128 is requested in the General Grants Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, offset by grant revenue. The required 15 percent in-kind match of \$281,269 is 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 74 part-time employees currently working to facilitate this program.

Approve recommendation.

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