



STAFF REPORT

August 17, 2022

File Number 0600-10; A-3423

SUBJECT

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ESCONDIDO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR \$1,161,000 FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

Community Services Department

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council Approve Resolution 2022-110 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for \$1,161,000 annually with the Escondido Union School District to operate before and after school programming at selected schools within the district.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Community Services: Joanna Axelrod, Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Services)

Presenter: Danielle Lopez, Assistant Director of Community Services

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The funding received from the Escondido Union School District for the Before & After School Program is over 100% full cost recovery which reduces the impact on the general fund.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 15, 2022, the City Council approved a budget adjustment in the amount of \$157,760 for fiscal year 2022/2023 for the Before and After School Program to expand operations.

On June 26, 2022, the City Council approved the 2022/2023 General Fund operating budget which includes funding for the Before and After School Program.

BACKGROUND

The City of Escondido Community Services Department has been operating before and after school programs continuously for over three decades, except during the pandemic. During the 2021/2022 school year, the program operated at two school sites. In February 2022, the Escondido Union School District ("EUSD") approached the City to expand before and after school care from the two existing schools to the five schools inclusive of Bernardo, LR Green, Miller, North Broadway, and Reidy Creek.



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In partnership with EUSD, the City will offer a before and after school program that focuses on expanding academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of students before and after the regular school day that is free to all participants. The goal is to provide an environment with a wide variety of hands-on enrichment activities, physical recreation opportunities, academic assistance, and supportive supervision. With approval of this agreement, the Before and After School Program will operate on all school days from 6:30 a.m. – start of school and end of school - 6 p.m., including early release days, and will accept kindergarten through fifth graders. Parents/guardians will have the flexibility of “drop-in” service thereby using the program when needed. There is no minimum attendance requirement. This allows participants to attend all year or just a few days. Additionally, participants may be picked up any time before the end of the program, using it for one hour or the entire day. Programming is based on four basic tenets: 1) be safe 2) encourage learning 3) build positive relationships 4) make it fun. This approach permeates the curriculum and overall programming while still accounting for participant preferences. The recreation-based activities also incorporate homework time, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), and special guest speakers that highlight important topics.

Due to the investment of resources required for successful implementation, EUSD agreed to utilize the City’s Before and After School Program service for a minimum of two consecutive school years (2022/2023 & 2023/2024). The City and EUSD shall meet and confer on topics related to increased capacity and extension of services beyond the initial term.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution 2022-110

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Escondido Union School District, Independent Agency Agreement