

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #:

DATE: 7/21/22

SUBJECT: CAP Project LEAD Contract MT#18150

RECOMMENDATION: The State of California's Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) sponsors the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. This program provides local agencies with the financial resources to handle several community services for their low and very low-income clients and/or to increase agency capacity.

The County of Riverside's Community Action Partnership (CAP) has utilized CSBG funds for the administration and operation of community-based programs designated to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income families and individuals residing in Riverside County. One such program is Project L.E.A.D. (Linking Education, Advocacy and Development). This program recruits, trains and deploys mentors/tutors to assist students enrolled in after-school programs at middle schools in the city of Riverside. In 2015, Project L.E.A.D. in partnership with the Desert Recreation District (DRD), expanded to eastern Coachella Valley to provide Project L.E.A.D. services to three different communities in high poverty populations residing in Thermal, Mecca and North Shore for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Students in Project L.E.A.D. receive recreation and character development, arts and crafts, homework assistance, reading programs and civic engagement.

Community Action and Desert Recreation District have been in partnership with Project L.E.A.D. for seven (7) years providing these important learning skills to the students originally starting with one (1) site in 2015 in Thermal, then expanded to Mecca in 2016, and then to North Shore in 2021.

Last school year 2020-2021 all schools were closed to traditional learning due to COVID. DRD was able to provide Distance Learning at their community centers with a maximum of 10 students per site and follow COVID Policies and Procedures (six-foot distance, masks, sanitation, etc.). A total of 30 students were able to receive computer technical assistance, adult supervision, classwork assistance and resume to their afterschool program. All 30 students successfully promoted to their next grade level.

Current school year 2021-2022 DRD currently has/expects the following to be enrolled in after-school programs:
Thermal: 218
Mecca: 270
North Shore: 213

CONTRACTING AND PRICE REASONABLENESS: N/A

COMMUNITY IMPACT/ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: The Project L.E.A.D. program will positively impact students daily, boosts their academic enrichment, reading levels and self-confidence so that they can complete their schoolwork and promote to the next grade level.

IMPACT ON CURRENT CAP OPERATIONS: The CSBG funding will provide \$13,350 in funds for partners and participants to carry out the day-to-day operations of the Project L.E.A.D. Program.

<p>PE&F COMMITTEE REVIEW: Date: Approval: Yes/No</p> <p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW: Date: Approval: Yes/No</p>	<p>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE</p> <p>Required: Yes/No</p>
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