



DATE: November 5, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Authorization for the City Manager to Appropriate Funds and Accept an Agreement with the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) for the Our Kids Our Families Program Services Provided by the Youth and Family Services Bureau (YFSB) of the Hayward Police Department

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorizes the City Manager to execute the FY2019-20 Our Kids Our Families agreement with the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency and accept \$220,000 in payment for school-based services.

SUMMARY

For more than a decade, the Youth and Family Services Bureau (YFSB) of the Hayward Police Department has had an annual contract with the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency to provide school-based support services that include direct support to children, youth, and their families as well as system enhancements to promote healthy social-emotional growth, prevent problems, and address behavioral health challenges. The County provides funding in the amount of \$220,000 annually for three full time equivalent (FTEs) YFSB Family Counselors to provide services in six Hayward schools. Council approval is requested to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the annual contract with the County.

BACKGROUND

For more than a decade, the Youth and Family Services Bureau (YFSB) of the Hayward Police Department has had an annual contract with the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency to provide school-based mental health consultation and services at six school sites in the Hayward Unified School District (HUSD).

DISCUSSION

YFSB counselors assigned to HUSD school sites provide and coordinate direct support for students, including behavioral health and wellness services, positive youth development activities, family support, and case management. Case management involves ensuring that children and youth in need of early and intensive intervention services are receiving and

benefitting from appropriate care, as well as removing or minimizing environmental contributors to problems.

Additionally, YFSB counselors participate in efforts driven by school leadership to create optimal conditions for learning and development. This includes the creation of positive, culturally inclusive school environments, enhancing collaboration and coordination among service providers, conducting community outreach and mobilization where appropriate, and enhancing the capacity of adults to better meet the social-emotional needs of children, youth, and their networks.

These services are part of the Youth and Family Services Bureau's overarching strategy to reduce and prevent juvenile involvement in the justice system by providing services that encourage success and increase access to positive opportunities and supports. Keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system contributes to the overall safety and wellbeing of Hayward families.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Improving children and youth's school experience and supporting them to lead productive and healthy lives will only strengthen our local economy and will improve every aspect of it.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will receive \$220,000 in revenue from this agreement. The three FTE Family Counselor positions discussed above are included in the City's FY 2020 Operating Budget; accepting and appropriating these funds will help to offset the cost of these positions.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This agenda item supports the Complete Communities Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the Complete Communities initiative is to create and support structures, services and amenities to provide inclusive and equitable access with the goal of becoming a thriving and promising place to live, work and play for all. This item supports the following goal and objectives:

Goal 1: Improve quality of life for residents, business owners, and community members in all Hayward neighborhoods.

Objective 1: Increase neighborhood safety and cohesion

Objective 4: Create resilient and sustainable neighborhoods

NEXT STEPS

If the Council authorizes this action, staff will work to execute the agreement with the HCSA to provide Our Kids Our Families services for FY19-20.

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Recommended by: Toney Chaplin, Chief of Police

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly McAdoo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelly" being more prominent than the last name "McAdoo".

Kelly McAdoo, City Manager