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CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim, City Administrator
FROM: Office of the Mayor
DATE: May 25th, 2010

RE: A REPORT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CAL-EMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$382,639) TO BE USED FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER PATHWAY AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE AT FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL AND CASTLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMARY

The High School Career Pathway and Community Collaborative is designed to reduce violence and gang involvement through the creation of year-round youth jobs, a sustainable career pathway, community employment resources, college experience, and a sense of "family" on two Oakland high school campuses.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact has been included in this report.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Oakland's High School Career Pathway and Community Collaborative represents the formation of a broad-based partnership applying innovative practices to reduce violence, create career pathways, improve school environments; provide services to surrounding neighborhood residents on the school campuses; and provide an initial college experience to high school students using a relatively small amount of funding. Taken together, the partnership approach can increase public safety for young people and residents of their neighborhood.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The project originated with a collaborative created between the Oakland Unified School District, the Office of the Mayor, other city staff, principals of several schools, six community based organizations, high school students, and others to reduce violence and gang recruitment at Fremont High School. The partnership reached the consensus that in order to reduce gang involvement, it was necessary to provide for needs that may lead young people to become involved with gangs or other anti-social groupings. These needs include financial resources, a sense of belonging, a sense of security, and a path to future education and employment. Having reached these conclusions the partnership began with an assessment of the resources at hand: The Oakland Unified School District offered a site for a youth and community resource center; the Private Industry Council offered a job and career counselor to work on site with both students and families; and so on. We then added additional partners, including the Peralta School District, California State University East Bay, Leadership Excellence and others, and then sought funding through the State of California, Cal-Grip grant opportunity. A grant of \$382,639.00 was awarded by the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA), for a two year program. There are six program components:

Program Component 1: Intense youth development work with 70 young people at Castlemont and Fremont High Schools with the goal of a) creating a sense of camaraderie; (on the model of the successful Libre program implemented in Oakland during the Summer of 2009); b) reduce the likelihood of involvement in any form of violence; c) prepare for acceptance and success at year-round, part time employment in paid positions working in after-school programs and other stipend employment through the City of Oakland.

Program Component 2: The paid employment of seventy youth in after school programs and other social service and education related programs.

Program Component 3: The establishment of youth and community resource centers at Fremont and Castlemont campuses to which employment, health, and mental health providers will bring their services for students and resident of the surrounding community.

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Program Component 4: Enrollment of 70 students in academic classes at Laney College in order to provide a college experience and additional academic preparation.

Program Component 5: An assessment of the degree of violence and/or gang activity reduction on program campuses.

Program Component 6: a) Potential participation upon high school completion in the Pathways to Teaching Program, which with separate funding supports students to study in cohorts at community college and then four year college; b) ultimate enrollment in Teach Tomorrow in Oakland, a program that recruits, prepares and places permanent, diverse teachers for Oakland.

PROGRAM PARTNERS:

Oakland Unified School District, Office of the Mayor and other city departments, Private Industry Council, Peralta Colleges, Growth Sector, All City Council (student organization), Youth Together, Libre (Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation) Systemic Solutions, CAL-SAC, Leadership Excellence, Castlemont and Fremont High School Principals

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES:

Employment: This (and other connected programs) create a complete pathway to available jobs from early high school through college; into graduate school internship; into fulltime teaching; and ultimately to school administration for Oakland residents. Paid employment is provided as a feature through every step of the process. Most of the money which creates this pathway already exists within the participating institutions budget without need for additional grant funding

Economic: Immediate year-round job creation for 70 young people. Career services for neighborhood residents in East Oakland.

Social Equity: The largest profession in the country is teaching with social service professions following close behind. Other education-related jobs, while plentiful, often lack qualified applicants, even during periods of high unemployment. These career opportunities exist right within Oakland communities and cannot be moved "offshore."

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Creating a career path to professional positions within the East and West Oakland communities may help to reduce the communities' high unemployment rates. Of equal importance local residents will occupy positions that involve service to others, such as teaching, after-school care provider, recreation worker, etc., that helps build closer, caring communities.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS ISSUES

There are no ADA or senior citizen access issues


RECOMMENDATION:

The Office of the Mayor recommends acceptance of this report and that City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept and appropriate the funding as requested therein.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That City Council accept this report and adopt the proposed Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


RONALD V. DELLUMS, Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

Approved as to Form and Legality
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Oakland City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR RONALD DELLUMS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CAL-EMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$382,639) TO BE USED FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER PATHWAY AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE AT FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL AND CASTLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH PROVIDES JOB, COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING AND OTHER SERVICES TO REDUCE VIOLENCE AND GANG ACTIVITY

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor applied for and received a grant from the California Emergency Management Agency (CAL-EMA), in the amount of \$382,639 for a two-year program to reduce violence and gang-related activities in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted requested funds to support The High School Career Pathways and Community Collaborative, a partnership collaborative between the Oakland Unified School District, Office of the Mayor, Private Industry Council, All City Council (youth organization), Youth Together, Libre (Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation) Systemic Solutions, CAL-SAC, Leadership Excellence, Castlemont and Fremont High School Principals; and

WHEREAS, the High School Career Pathways and Community Collaborative, provides training, employment and a complete pathway through high school, college, graduate school and full-time teaching and school administration positions that reduces violence and gang-related activities; and

WHEREAS, a fund, organization fund, organization, program and project account for disbursements from the CAL-EMA to the High School Career Pathways and Community Collaborative program(s) must be established; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to accept and appropriate funds from the California Emergency Management Agency (CAL-EMA) in the amount of three hundred eighty two thousand six hundred thirty nine dollars (\$382,639) to be used for programs run by the High School Career Pathway and

Community Collaborative at Fremont High School and Castlemont High School; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said grant monies for the High School Career Pathways and Community Collaborative program(s) shall be maintained in a fund, organization, program and project account to be determined later.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID
AND PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California