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AGENDA REPORT

TO:

Sabrina B. Landreth

City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford, Director

Human Services

Department

SUBJECT:

City of Oakland Contribution to Youth

Ventures Joint Powers

Authority

DATE: August 30, 2019

City Administrator Approval

Date:

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With The Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority (JPA), Through Its Fiscal Agent Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute In The Amount of \$150,000 For Fiscal Year 2019-2020 With An Option To Renew In The Same Amount For Fiscal Year 2020-2021, For The City Of Oakland's Annual Contribution To The JPA.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County of Alameda (County), City of Oakland and Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) formed a joint public entity called the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with the goal of enhancing their collective efforts to improve outcomes for youth and families. Upon creation of the JPA, the City, the County and OUSD each agreed to contribute \$150,000 per year toward the JPA. The proposed resolution authorizes an agreement with the JPA, through its fiscal agent Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute (MFEI), in the amount of \$150,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 and with an option to renew at the same amount for FY 2020-2021, for the City's annual contributions.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In July 2006, City Council approved Resolution No. 80089 C.M.S., authorizing the creation of the JPA for children and youth issues between the City, the County, OUSD and the East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF). After the formation of the JPA, EBCF elected not to continue to participate as a voting member but provided fiscal sponsorship for the JPA until the relationship was dissolved in FY 2013-2014. In March of 2014 the JPA executed an agreement with MFEI to act as fiscal sponsor of the JPA.

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The Joint Powers Agreement provides for an annual contribution of \$150,000 from each member. Since FY 2006-2007, the City, the County, and OUSD have each contributed \$150,000 annually to the JPA's core functions.

On May 6, 2014, the City Council passed Resolution No. 84957 C.M.S. to authorize the City's contribution of \$150,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 to the JPA through its fiscal sponsor MFEI. In subsequent Fiscal Years 2015-2018, the City paid its contribution of \$150,000 per year through authorizing Resolution Nos. 86155 C.M.S. and 87033 C.M.S.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The City, the County and OUSD recognize the need to work collaboratively to build, research, and develop capacity to ensure that public dollars are invested in programs and services that are based on proven best practices and to produce meaningful outcomes for children, youth and families.

The JPA membership includes elected officials and department heads from all three public entities sitting on the Board, as well as affiliated entities such as Alameda County First Five and Alameda County Office of Education.

The JPA has organized its work through the use of Impact Tables in four (4) critical areas. Housing, Education, Health and Wealth. The work of the Impact Tables was informed by a collective impact planning effort undertaken with the consulting firm FSG, the national expert on collective impact. Through that effort, goals and critical metrics were identified for tracking to determine the impact of the work being undertaken.

The Impact Tables have been doing consistent work over the past two years - expanding membership, identifying and tracking key metrics to assess collective impact, articulating goals and strategy recommendations, and implementing specific strategies. Examples of current projects include the Safety Table's Midnight Basketball Initiative and the Health Table's work on food access and systems. More recently, all Tables are exploring using chronic absenteeism as the unifying goal that all work should seek to address.

The JPA also aligns its work closely and in concert with other critical Citywide and Countywide efforts such as All In, Starting Smart and Strong, Oakland Promise, Oakland Community Schools, and By All Means, led by the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

For the past two years, Oakland Thrives Leadership Council has been an adjunct body of the JPA, with overlapping membership as well as representation from a broader set of stakeholders, including business and non-profit leadership, community colleges, Housing Authority and others. Kaiser Foundation has supported the development of this table along with the JPA and the four specific Impact Tables. The JPA recently voted to explore a merger with the Oakland Thrives Leadership Council to make use of the broader coalition of members and to continue the work of the Impact Tables. The JPA's specific role within this collaboration will be defined as the collaborative process continues. As a result, the current agreement with Marcus Foster is for one year with an option to renew for the second year pending the outcome of these discussions.

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MFEI has served as the fiscal sponsor of the JPA since 2013. MFEI has supported public schools in Oakland for 40 years, and continues to hold a mission consistent with the JPA's purpose, as well as serving as a fiscal sponsor for projects for OUSD and other districts in California. MFEI provides all human resources and fiscal accounting for the JPA. MFEI also contracts for an annual audit which is reviewed and approved by the JPA Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

No new fiscal impact would be created by this action. Funding for the City's \$150,000 contribution for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 was included in the City Council's FY2019-2021 Adopted Budget, and is budgeted under General Purpose Fund (1010), Citywide Activity Organization (90591), Other Costs Services Account (54629), DP900 Administrative Project (1000021), Citywide Activities Program (IP50).

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

This item did not require any additional public outreach other than the required posting on the City of Oakland's website.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office and Budget Bureau were consulted in the preparation of this report and resolution.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The JPA works together to collectively improve the economic viability of children, youth and families in Oakland and Alameda County.

Environmental: There are no environmental benefits to the City from the JPA.

Social Equity: The goal of the JPA is to improve outcomes for Oakland youth and their families by achieving equitable outcomes in education, health and other areas for all youth.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority (JPA), through its fiscal agent Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute dba Marcus Foster Education Fund, in the amount of \$150,000 per year for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with an option to renew in the same amount for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, for the City of Oakland's annual contribution to the JPA.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Kathy Hicks, Executive Assistant, (510) 238-2214.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director, Human Services Department

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OAKLAND

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO	C.M.S.
INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _	

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE YOUTH VENTURES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA), THROUGH ITS FISCAL AGENT MARCUS A. FOSTER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW IN THE SAME AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE JPA.

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda (County), City of Oakland and Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) are committed to social justice for children, youth and families; and

WHEREAS, promoting the education, health, well-being and economic outcomes of children, youth and families within the City of Oakland is a top priority of the County, City of Oakland, and OUSD; and

WHEREAS, the County, the City and OUSD formed a joint public entity named the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with the goal of enhancing their collective efforts to improve outcomes for youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute (MFEI) and the JPA have agreed that MFEI will serve as the fiscal sponsor of the JPA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement, the County, the City, and OUSD each contribute \$150,000 per year to the JPA; and

WHEREAS, funds totaling \$300,000 are available for Fiscal Years 2019-2021 within the General Purpose Fund (1010), Citywide Activity Organization (90591), Other Costs Services Account (54629), DP900 Administrative Project (1000021), Citywide Activities Program (IP50); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority, through its fiscal agent Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute, in the amount of \$150,000 for FY 2019-2020 with an option to renew in the same amount for FY 2020-2021 for the City of Oakland's annual contribution to the JPA; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for form and legality prior to execution and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:______

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