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AGENDA REPORT

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To: Office of the City Administrator
Attn: Deborah Edgerly
From: Police Department
Date: June, 28, 2005

Re: **A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator on Behalf of the City of Oakland to Accept and Appropriate a Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$24,828) from the State of California, Board of Corrections (BOC), Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program, and Authorizing a Funding Agreement in an Amount Not to Exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) with the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court for Implementation of the Oakland Youth Court - Interface Project**

SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$24,828 from the State of California, Board of Corrections (BOC), Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program, and authorizing a Funding Agreement with the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court (MYC) in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the implementation of the Oakland Youth Court – Interface Project.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the State of California, Board of Corrections, will approve the Police Department's Oakland Youth Court – Interface Project application and award the City of Oakland \$24,828 in state grant funds. Revenues and appropriations will be allocated in the State of California Grant fund: 2152; Campus Life and School Safety (CLASS) Org.: 105530; Youth and Community Services Program: PS13¹, in a Project Account to be determined. The program will be managed by the CLASS Section Commander, and the program liquidation period is 90 days following the program end date. The funding agency requires a minimum ten percent (10%) in-kind match component. Matching funds/services shall be provided by the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court. Proposed expense allocations are as follows:

¹ Program Code effective for fiscal year 2005-2006; subject to change as of July 1, 2005.

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Description and Use of Funds	Amount
Donald P. McCullum Youth Court (Funding Agreement)	\$20,000
Contract Assessment Fee (3%)	600
Office Supplies and Duplicating Costs	1,428
Computer Equipment for OPD Staff	2,800
Subtotal	24,828
Matching MYC Funds	58,000
TOTAL	\$82,828

BACKGROUND

JABG is designed to promote greater accountability among those juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system by providing financial and programmatic support to improve juvenile justice system infrastructure and operations at the State and local levels. The Oakland Youth Court – Interface Project receives funding under the program purpose area of developing and administering accountability-based sanctions for juvenile offenders.

OPD works with MYC to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal actions using a peer driven adjudication process whereby youth attorneys prosecute and defend youth clients, and youth juries sentence offenders. The binding sentences are rehabilitative and restorative. After completing their sentence, youth then have the opportunity to volunteer as jurors and attorneys, with potential eligibility for additional training, paid internships, and participation as positive role models for other youth. By diverting these youth, providing support services, and re-integrating them as program volunteers, MYC helps youth to redefine themselves in the legal system and their community.

This is the fifth year that the Police Department has sponsored the MYC Youth Court program. Since FY 2001-02, MYC has expanded its operations to include a youth mentoring component targeting 12-14 year olds. This component provides offending youth with mentors, enrichment, and educational activities on weekends, after school and during the summer recess. The mentoring component strengthens MYC's emphasis on relationship building as one cornerstone of its positive youth development model.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

BOC/JABG funding levels are determined by a formula that combines local law enforcement expenditures and the number of juvenile violent crime arrests. The proposed Oakland allocation for FY 2005-06 is \$24,828.

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Due to very limited juvenile court budgets and scarce resources, only the most serious and habitual juvenile offenders are held accountable through the traditional channels of the Probation Department and Juvenile Court. Young people charged with “less serious” offenses are often counseled and released, with no formal charges filed, no custody time served, and no referrals to intervention or rehabilitative services. Many of these young offenders walk away with the notion that they “got away with it.” Historically, in the absence of accountability and intervention, many of these youth re-offend, with each successive crime becoming more serious.

In partnership with MYC, OPD holds first-time juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal actions. The contract with MYC provides a cost-effective means of bringing accountability-based sanctions and comprehensive services to youth at risk of further involvement in the juvenile justice system. Over the last eight years, approximately 84% of youth completing MYC’s intervention, prevention and empowerment programs have not re-offended, effectively stopping the potential cycle of crime at its inception.

Services to be provided by MYC include:

- Youth referred by the Oakland Police Department will have hearings at MYC.
- 100% of participating offenders and their families will receive appropriate referrals to counseling, prevention, and treatment services.
- All offenders will participate in a mandatory conflict resolution workshop, with 100% of the youth entering the program participating in gender-specific programming.
- 90% of all youth will complete their sentences, resulting in an estimated total of 3,000 hours of meaningful community service completed annually.
- 80% of offender parents/primary caregivers will complete a mandatory three-part program (Parent Education Workshop), where parents are involved in the complete sentencing process, including evaluation and referral services when appropriate).
- Oakland youths will participate in the Court as volunteer attorneys and jurors.
- Youth participants will attend MYC’s annual Summer Law Camp.

MYC’s partnership with OPD satisfies all JABG requirements through their multi-dimensional, highly effective program. The partnership represents a “win-win” solution to a serious community challenge by providing positive alternatives for youth, while strengthening families and holding youth accountable for their criminal actions.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

MYC is located in Oakland, providing services to clients from Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. Ten Oakland youth will be provided paid internships. Regular staff positions adhere to the provisions of Oakland's Living Wage Ordinance.

Environmental

MYC sentences some youth to community service projects as part of the adjudication process. The primary focus of the community service projects is the promotion of community and environmental awareness. Many projects offer environmental opportunities, such as clean-up projects at Sausal Creek, growing vegetables at the Community Garden at Lakeside Park for donation to local food banks, and participating in workday clean-up projects in various Oakland neighborhoods. Participating youth learn to respect their surroundings while making measurable improvements in the quality of their own environments.

Social Equity

Using an extensive network of community organizations, MYC provides enhanced services for Oakland youth aged 9-17 in the following areas: Physical and emotional safety, relationship building, youth participation, community involvement, and skill building. MYC also operates law clubs on Oakland high school campuses, further extending the benefits of the program to high-risk students who have not entered the juvenile justice system as first-time offenders.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

MYC provides outreach and services to a diverse youth population. MYC administrative offices, the pre-hearing room at OPD, and courtrooms at the Alameda County administration building are all wheelchair accessible. No senior access issues are noted.


RECOMMENDATION

The Oakland Police Department recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to accept and appropriate the grant in an amount not to exceed \$24,828 from the

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State of California, Board of Corrections and authorize a Funding Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 with the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court for implementation of the Oakland Youth Court Project.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chief of Police

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Bureau of Administration

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Bob V. Gierro
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____

C.M.S.
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$24,828) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BOARD OF CORRECTIONS (BOC), JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG) PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING A FUNDING AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) WITH THE DONALD P. MCCULLUM YOUTH COURT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OAKLAND YOUTH COURT – INTERFACE PROJECT

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Police Department will receive grant funds totaling up to \$24,828 from the State of California, Board of Corrections, for the Police Department’s Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program for the implementation of the Oakland Youth Court – Interface Project, administered by the Donald P. McCullum Youth Court (MYC); and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to enter into a Funding Agreement with MYC for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the implementation of the Oakland Youth Court – Interface project, to be funded by the grant; and

WHEREAS, MYC will provide the cash match required by the grantor, in the amount of fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000); and

WHEREAS, the services provided pursuant to the agreement with MYC authorized hereunder are of a professional, scientific or technical nature and are temporary in nature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the agreement with MYC shall not result in a loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to accept and appropriate a grant in an amount not to exceed \$24,828 from the State of California, Board of Corrections, to be allocated to the State of California Grant Fund: 2152, Campus Life and School Safety (CLASS) Org.: 105530; Youth and Community Services Program: PS13, in a Project Account to be determined; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to enter into a Funding Agreement with MYC in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the implementation of the Oakland Youth Court – Interface Project, to be funded by the grant, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That grant funds received for the Oakland Youth Court – Interface Project shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, applications, agreements, and related actions which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned grant and professional services agreements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator is authorized to modify, extend, or amend said agreement, provided that no additional funds will be allocated without prior City Council approval; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Attorney shall review and approve said agreement with MYC as to form and legality and a copy of the fully executed agreement shall be placed on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California