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# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** JOHN A. FLORES  
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**FROM:** Sean Whent

**SUBJECT:** Our Kids Youth Mentoring Program  
Appropriation

**DATE:** February 25, 2015

City Administrator  
Approval

Date

2/10/15

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator, or designee, to accept and appropriate the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Gang Diversion Distribution Funds in an amount not to exceed one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to support the Our Kids Youth Mentoring Program, and to enter into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the time period of March 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 with Acts Full Gospel Our Kids Youth Mentoring Program for an amount not to exceed one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000).

## **OUTCOME**

These funds will help the Our Kids Youth Mentoring Program (O.K. Program) expand its services which help local African American males, ages 12 to 18, receive guidance in developing healthy physical and mental well-being, economic self-reliance, citizenship and civic leadership skills. One-hundred and sixty-thousand dollars (\$160,000) will be used to directly support the operations of the O.K Program, which is managed through Acts Full Gospel Church.

## **BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

The National O.K. Program was founded in 1990 by retired Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff Donald Northcross. The program galvanizes police, the school system, faith-based communities, parents and community organizations. The goal of the program is to provide a road map for responsible citizenship for at risk African American youth.

In 2008 under the leadership of former Mayor Ron Dellums and OPD, the City of Oakland was selected as an O.K. program affiliate, joining Little Rock, Arkansas, Indianapolis, Indiana and Monroe, Louisiana. In 2013 the Oakland Police Foundation provided \$15,000 to fund the O.K.

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Program. The Alameda County District Attorney's Office of Gang Diversion is now providing \$160,000 to continue the program's operations within the City of Oakland.

Today, the O.K. Youth Mentoring Program provides one-on-one mentoring by police officers, designated as Program Coordinators, and other trained youth mentors to program participants at target schools in Oakland. Frick and Elmhurst Middle schools are the lead sites based on the identification of significant numbers of at-risk African American male students. The O.K. Program leverages the unique training and expertise of the police officers to address issues associated with three youth categories: "severely at-risk," "moderately at-risk," and "at-risk." These categories are a result of day-to-day exposure to identified environmental risk factors. Student referrals come from school principals, parents, and agencies associated with the aforementioned schools. The program has a current enrollment of 150 students.

### **ANALYSIS**

Our Kids Youth Mentoring Program (O.K. Program) mentors serve as role models to youth, many of who come from single parent homes or foster homes. Most program participants desire - and need - more time with responsible, caring adults. The benefits of mentoring are tremendous. Without such mentoring, youth participants statistically face a high risk of developing relationships with acquaintances involved in crime, and thus face a higher than average probability of becoming involved in crime, incarcerated, and/or victims of crime. Program coordinators visit the youth participants at home, juvenile hall, correctional detention facilities and at other necessary locations to provide intensive academic and life mentoring support. Participants receive meals at weekly "Kic'It" sessions to discuss life choices. This program helps youth set goals and provides outings and field trips.

The \$160,000 award from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office Gang Diversion will be used to expand program operations through an MOA with Acts Full Gospel O.K. Program. Funding will be used to partially fund the Program Administrator, field trips, meals, supplies and equipment, from March 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

There is a high degree of public interest in developing and supporting intervention initiatives such as the O.K. Program which seeks to reduce crime and improve the lives of young African American males who are at great-risk of leading lives of crime and becoming victims of crime. The O.K. Program also facilitates partnerships between the Oakland Police Foundation, OPD, local churches, students and community members. Furthermore, the program fosters positive relationships between at-risk youth, OPD officers, and community leaders.

### **COORDINATION**

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

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**COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

Below is the detail budget for the \$160,000 distribution:

1. BUDGET:

Acts Full Gospel:

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Personnel/Program Administration	\$95,000
Meals	\$20,000
Field Trips	\$35,000
Supplies and Equipment	\$10,000

**Total \$160,000**

2. SOURCE OF FUNDING: Alameda County District Attorney’s Office Gang Diversion Distribution funds in the amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 shall be appropriated in the County of Alameda: Grants Fund (2160), Youth and School Services Section Org (102350), Youth and Community Services Program (PS04), and in a project to be determined.

3. FISCAL IMPACT: Approval of the proposed resolution will authorize the acceptance and appropriation of \$160,000.00 from the County of Alameda to the Oakland Police Department, to be allocated to the Acts Full Gospel Church, for the implementation of the Our Kids Youth Mentoring Program.

**SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** Program aims to reach boys at an age (12 to 18 years) where their behavior can be redirected. Through the Our Kids Youth Mentoring Program, options are provided to help African American youth make positive life decisions and avoid patterns of crime and violence.

**Environmental:** There are no environmental issues associated with this report.

**Social Equity:** This O.K. Program provides at-risk youth in Oakland with the opportunity to receive important advice and guidance which gives them a chance to grow up and become responsible, law-abiding members of the Oakland community committed to making the community better.

**HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL**

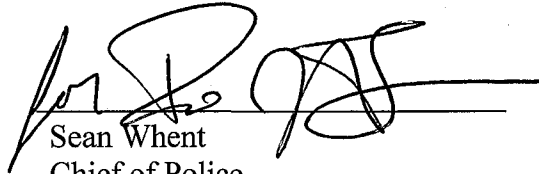
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For questions regarding this report, please contact Lieutenant Leronne Armstrong, Youth and School Services Section, Oakland Police Department at (510) 238-3349.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Whent', written over a horizontal line.

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Chief of Police  
Oakland Police Department

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*Priscilla Hynes*  
City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GANG DIVERSION DISTRIBUTION FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$160,000.00) TO SUPPORT THE OUR KIDS YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM, AND TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2015 TO AUGUST 31, 2016 WITH ACTS FULL GOSPEL O.K. PROGRAM FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE-HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$160,000).**

**WHEREAS**, on February 19, 2015, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office distributed \$160,000.00 to the City of Oakland Police Department (OPD) to support the Our Kids Youth Mentoring Program (O.K. Program); and

**WHEREAS**, the O.K. Program is a mentoring program for 150 at-risk males between the ages of 12 and 18; and

**WHEREAS**, the OPD has partnered with Acts Full Gospel O.K. Program to administer the program since 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) Police Officers serve as Program Coordinators who provide intense mentoring services to youth enrolled in the O.K. Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds will be used to partially fund the Program Administrator at Acts Full Gospel O.K. Program and to help fund Program Coordinators' vehicles, meals at 'Kic'It Sessions,' field trips, supplies, equipment, and awards/incentives; and

**WHEREAS**, the OPD seeks to enter into an MOA with Acts Full Gospel O.K. Program for the time period of March 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 for \$160,000 to help administer the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) section 2.07.020 requires that all grant awards to the city from any public or private source shall be approved by the City Council, regardless of the amount of the grant award; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That pursuant to OMC section 2.07.020, the City Council does hereby authorize the City Administrator, or designee, to accept and appropriate funds in the amount not to exceed one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000.00) to support the O.K. Program; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That funds in the amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 shall be appropriated in the Alameda County: Grants Fund (2160), Youth & School Services Section Org (102350), Youth and Community Services Program (PS04), and in a project to be determined; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator, or designee, is authorized to enter into an MOA for the time period of March 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016 with Acts Full Gospel O.K. Program for \$160,000 to partially fund the Program Administrator, field trips, meals, supplies and equipment for the O.K. Program; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator, or designee, is authorized to conduct all negotiations, applications, agreements, and related actions which may be necessary to administer the aforementioned program.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, and  
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the  
Council of the City of Oakland, California