



AGENDA REPORT

TO: FRED BLACKWELL
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Sara Bedford

SUBJECT: City of Oakland Joint Powers
Authority (JPA) Contribution

DATE: April 10, 2014

City Administrator
Approval

Date 4-17-14

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

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 dba Marcus Foster Education Fund (MFEF), in the amount of \$150,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, for the City of Oakland's contribution to the JPA.

OUTCOME

The role of the JPA is to enhance the collective efforts of Alameda County, the City of Oakland and the Oakland Unified School District to improve outcomes for disenfranchised youth and their families. This resolution authorizes the City of Oakland's annual \$150,000 contribution to the JPA. Marcus Foster Education Fund (MFEF) serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and is responsible for the funding of the JPA, as well as accounting and all other administrative duties.

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 among the City of Oakland, Alameda County, the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) and the East Bay Community Foundation (EBCF). Subsequent to the formation of the JPA, EBCF elected not to continue to participate as a voting member, however EBCF, fiscal sponsor for Safe Passages, provided fiscal sponsorship for the JPA. Safe Passages provided staffing for the JPA. The relationship with Safe Passages and EBCF was dissolved in FY 2013-2014. MFEF will now serve as the fiscal sponsor and employ JPA staff.

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The Joint Powers Agreement provides for an annual contribution of \$150,000 from each member. Since Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the City of Oakland, along with the County of Alameda and the Oakland Unified School District have each contributed \$150,000 annually to the core functions of the JPA.

ANALYSIS

The City of Oakland, Alameda County, and the Oakland Unified School District recognized the need to work collaboratively to build research and development capacity to ensure that public dollars are invested in programs and services that are based on proven best practices and produce meaningful outcomes for the children, youth and families. Each year the City of Oakland, Alameda County, and the Oakland Unified School District provide a \$150,000 contribution to support the core functions of the JPA.

MFEF serves as the fiscal sponsor of the JPA and as the employer of JPA staff. The Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute dba Marcus Foster Education Fund (MFEF) has served as the education fund for the public schools in the City of Oakland for 40 years, and continues to be committed to nurturing promising practices and serving as a fiscal sponsor for projects that serve Oakland Public Schools and other school districts and vulnerable students in California. MFEF has a mission consistent with the purpose of the JPA.

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 Office have been consulted in the preparation of this report and resolution.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

No new fiscal responsibilities would be created by this action. Funding to cover the \$150,000 for Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 has been budgeted under General Purpose Fund (1010), Citywide Activity Organization (90591), Other Costs Services (54629), Undetermined Project (0000000), Citywide Activities (IP50)

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 this report.

Social Equity: The goal of the JPA is to improve outcomes for disenfranchised youth and their families.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Sara Bedford, DHS Director, at 510-238-6794.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Bedford", written over a horizontal line.

SARA BEDFORD, Director
Dept. of Human Services

POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION
Prepared by Priya Jagannathan, Planner

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Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

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 DBA MARCUS FOSTER EDUCATION FUND (MFEF), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 PER YEAR FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013-2014 AND 2014-2015, FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE JPA

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

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

WHEREAS, Alameda County, the City of Oakland and Oakland Unified School District 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 disenfranchised youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, MFEF and the JPA have agreed that MFEF will serve as the fiscal sponsor of the JPA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement, Alameda County, the City of Oakland, and the Oakland Unified School District each contribute \$150,000 per year to the JPA; and

WHEREAS, funds totaling \$300,000 are available for the FY 2013-2014 and FY 2014-2015 within the General Purpose Fund (1010), Citywide Activity Organization (90591); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority through its fiscal agent MFEF in the amount of \$150,000 per year for FY 2013-2014 and FY 2014-2015, for the City of Oakland's annual contribution to the JPA; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That these funds will be available within the General Purpose Fund (1010), Citywide Activity Organization (90591), Other Costs Services (54629), Undetermined Project (0000000), Citywide Activities (IP50).

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and
PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST _____

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