



CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Steven Falk
Interim City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford
Director, Human Services

SUBJECT: Oakland Head Start CACFP Grant
Application FY 2020-21

DATE: April 15, 2020

City Administrator Approval

Date: 4-28-2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City To Apply For, Accept and Appropriate The Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Grant From The California Department Of Education In An Estimated Amount Of \$249,723, And Any Such Additional Grant Funding, To Provide Funding For Nutritious Meals For The Head Start/Early Head Start Program From July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator to apply for and accept the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Grant from the California Department of Education (CDE), in order to be eligible for reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the CDE. If approved, the Human Services Department (HSD) will be able to continue to offer nutritious meals to children enrolled in the Oakland Head Start and Early Head Start Program beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Initiated in 1968, CACFP is a State and Federally funded program that provides financial aid to licensed childcare centers and day care homes. The objectives of the program are to improve the diet of children younger than 13 years of age by providing them with nutritious, well-balanced meals, and to develop healthy eating habits in children that will last through later years. The program provides services to infants, preschool children, enrollees of any age who are disabled, and children enrolled in after-school or extended care centers.

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ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The USDA/CACFP Grant from the California Department of Education is an important resource to Head Start programs. Mandated by legislation, Head Start programs collaborate with the USDA/CACFP to provide well-balanced, nutritious meals to Head Start and Early Head Start children. Oakland Head Start will continue to offer nutritious meals to children at City-operated Head Start and Early Head Start sites located throughout Oakland. The grant funds will be used to provide comprehensive nutrition services to approximately 226 Head Start and Early Head Start children, who have the most economic need, with 10 percent of the enrollment consisting of children with special needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the proposed resolution will authorize the application and acceptance of the CACFP grant for Program Year 2020-2021, in the estimated amount of \$249,723, included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Midcycle Proposed Budget. Funding is appropriated in the Department of Agriculture Fund (2102), HS Classroom and Seasonal Org (78231), Head Start FY 2020-2021 CCFP Project (1004507), Strengthening Children, Youth & Families Program (YS13) for reimbursement of services provided under the CDE/CACFP and for the purpose of operating the Head Start child care food program.

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION/COST OF PROJECT:
Project Delivery \$249,723
2. SOURCE OF FUNDING: Department of Agriculture Fund (2102); HS Classroom and Seasonal Org (78231); Head Start FY20-21 CCFP Project (1004507); Strengthening Children, Youth & Families Program (YS13)

The City's 2020-21 Midcycle Proposed Budget includes \$249,723 in appropriations and revenues for FY 2020-21 for the CACFP grant. The proposed resolution authorizes the City's acceptance and appropriation of additional funding that becomes available from the grant within the grant term (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) without returning to City Council. The Head Start program receives monthly reimbursement for eligible meals served to enrolled Head Start children.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST

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

COORDINATION

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

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: There are economic benefits to the City from the participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The Oakland Head Start program employs several full-time food service workers and one supervisor who prepare meals for the children enrolled in the Head Start program. Head Start drivers deliver the meals to Head Start centers each day.

Environmental: Oakland Head Start provides snacks and meals that meet CACFP nutritional requirements. The Head Start program's central kitchen recycles all cooking oil and purchases environmentally safe paper cups and paper plates that are used in all Head Start classrooms.

Race & Equity: The Head Start program delivers comprehensive, high quality services to children and families in the City of Oakland. Child health and wellness are promoted by providing nutrition services that supplement and complement those of the home and community. Head Start's child nutrition services assist families in meeting each child's nutritional needs and establishing healthy eating habits that nurture development and promote life-long well-being.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Respectfully submitted,



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