

CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010

AGENDA ITEM No.7

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION

Authorize the City Manager to Apply for Grant Funds from the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board 2010 Summer Youth Employment Program (Meda Okelo, Director-Community Services)



City of East Palo Alto

Community Services Department

Administrative Report

Date: February 16, 2010

To: Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council.

Via: Alvin D. James, City Manager

From: Meda Okelo, Director of Community Services.

Subject: **Authorization to apply for grant funds from the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board 2010 Summer Youth Employment Programs.**

Recommendation

By Resolution: Authorize the City Manager to apply for grant funds from the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board 2010 Summer Youth Employment Programs.

Background

The San Mateo County Workforce investment Board (WIB) recently released a request for proposals from “qualified youth employment providers to conduct Summer Youth Employment programs for the summer of 2010. The programs, the notice indicated, would be funded from potentially several sources including the Workforce Investment Act funds associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Other funding sources are still in pending job bills still under review by the United States Congress. With the inclusion of such pending bills, funding is expected to range from \$75,000 to \$1.5million.

Analysis

The Community Services Department has, over the years, operated summer programs that have hired upwards of forty to fifty recreation leaders and recreation aides or Counselors in Training over an eight to ten week period. Programs have included the *Summer Performing Arts Project*, *Summer Day Camp Programs*, *Homework Assistance and Reading Programs*, *Summer Mobile Recreation Programs*, as well as *Summer Sports Camp Programs*. These programs have provided valuable first time job experiences for local youth, experiences that have translated into marketable job skills later on in the young people’s lives.

In the last year, the City implemented the *Mobile Recreation Summer Program*, a program that hired local youth, trained them and deployed them into different neighborhoods to run various recreational programs. This program was funded by the US department of Education in the amount of \$76,637 and hired twenty (20) youth ages 14-22 both through the department of education grant as well as the Sponsored Employment Program.

The City would apply for the funding through this program to implement the second year of a modified Mobile Recreation 2010 program.

Fiscal Impact

The grant has no matching requirement and would not impact the city's general fund but could in fact augment the 2010-2011 community services department budget by as much as \$75,000.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO

Authorizing the City Manager to apply for grant funds from the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board 2010 Summer Youth Employment Programs.

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) issued an Request for Proposals for qualified youth employment providers to conduct Summer Youth Employment Programs; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the proposed youth employment program would be funded through the Workforce Investment Act funds allocated within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, and

WHEREAS, the City, has over the years operated summer programs that has hired youth ages 14-21 the age group that the Workforce Investment Act would wish to fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to apply for grant funds through the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board 2010 Summer Youth Employment Programs.

Approved and Adopted on the 16th day of February 2010 by the following vote:

Ayes

Naes

Absent

David Woods Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

Vince Ewing, City Attorney