



City of Santa Ana
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Workforce Development Board
Youth Council Committee Staff Report
June 13, 2024

Topic: Renewal of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Agreement

AGENDA TITLE

Renewal of Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center Youth Agreement for Program Year 2024-2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend City Council award a one-year agreement with the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center in the amount of \$200,000 for Program Year 2024-2025.

DISCUSSION

Under the authority of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Santa Ana Workforce Development Board (WDB) is required to procure Youth Service Providers to provide WIOA services to eligible at-risk Santa Ana youth. On November 4, 2022, staff released the Youth Provider Request for Proposal (RFP) to establish a list of qualified youth providers for a four-year procurement period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027.

After the RFP review process, the committee recommended the Workforce Development Board approve the RFP ranking and forwarded a recommendation to City Council to award an agreement with the Orange County Children Therapeutic Arts Center. City Council approved the agreement on June 20, 2023.

On May 15, 2024, the state released Information Notice WSIN 23-43 with estimated WIOA Formula Allocations for PY 2024-25. Santa Ana's youth estimated allocation is \$770,162. Staff recommends renewing the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center Youth Agreement for the Program Year 2024-2025.

Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center will provide occupational skills training in office administration, mental health paraprofessional, and childcare worker certification along with workforce readiness preparation, paid work experience, tutoring, mentoring, counseling, and supportive services for 20 youth in the amount of \$200,000.

Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center is on track to meet WIOA Youth Performance Measures. In addition, per federal regulations, Youth Providers must enroll

and spend 80% of funds on Out-of-School Youth and 20% on work experience activities under WIOA regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds in the amount of \$200,000 are budgeted in the FY 2024-25 budget and will be available in the WIOA Youth account (no. 123XXXXXXXXX-69135).

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