



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
June 21, 2022

TOPIC: Award Youth Agreements Funded with Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds

AGENDA TITLE:

Award \$437,000 of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Formula Youth Funds for Program Year 2022-2023 (Non-General Fund)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the City Manager to execute agreements to award \$437,000 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act youth program funds for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023, upon availability of WIOA funds for program year 2022-23 and subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney:

1. Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center to provide occupational skills training in the areas of office administration, mental health paraprofessional, and childcare worker certification, offer job preparation, paid work experience, tutoring, mentoring, counseling, and supportive services, for 20 youth for \$175,000.
2. Orange County Conservation Corps to provide alternative secondary education that leads to a high school diploma, paid work experience, credential training in forklift operator, safe food handling, customer service, computer software, job preparation, post-secondary education resources, and support services for 23 youth for \$262,000.

DISCUSSION

At the May 25, 2022 special meeting of the Workforce Development Board by a vote of 13:0 (David Elliot and Robert Ruiz absent), the Board recommended awarding youth agreements with the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center and the Orange County Conservation Corps (Exhibit 1 and 2).

The Santa Ana Workforce Development Board (WDB) authorized the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) in November 2018 seeking organizations to provide Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth services and to establish a list of qualified youth providers for a four-year procurement period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

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The Youth Providers recommended for funding have been receiving funds under this procurement cycle and are on track to meet the WIOA Youth Performance Measures for the program year that is ending on June 30, 2022. In addition, Youth Providers are required to collectively enroll and spend 80 percent of funds on Out-of-School Youth and 20 percent of funds on work experience activities under WIOA regulations. The contractors are to serve Santa Ana youth ages 16-24, meet low-income guidelines or foster/formerly foster care youth or homeless; and face barriers to education, training and employment.

The Employment Development Department released information notice WSIN 21-43 with the PY 2022-23 WIOA formula allocations where the city will receive \$881,063 in youth funding (Exhibit 3).

FISCAL IMPACT

Allocation of the funds will be recognized in the Federal Grant-Indirect revenue account (account no. 12318002-52001).

Funds in the amount of \$437,000 for these agreements will be available in the WDB Youth Council, Payment to Subagent account (account no. 12318763-69135) upon City Council's adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Agreement - Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center
2. Agreement – Orange County Conservation Corps
3. Information Bulletin WSIN 21-43

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