



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
September 6, 2022

TOPIC: Agreement with Orange County Conservation Corps

AGENDA TITLE:

Approve agreement with Orange County Conservation Corps as a subcontractor to the Californians for All Youth Workforce Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Orange County Conservation Corps in an amount of \$1,499,087 for a period from September 6, 2022 to May 1, 2024, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

DISCUSSION

The Californians for All Youth Workforce Program is a Governor's initiative administered by California Volunteers in partnership with cities across California. The purpose of the initiative is to increase youth employment, develop youth interest in and experience towards a career in public service and to strengthen city capacity to address key areas of climate, food insecurity, and local COVID-19 recovery.

The grant will target youth between 16-30 years of age, with priority given to youth who meet two or more of the following: have not participated in an AmeriCorps program, may have difficulty finding employment, are low income, unemployed and/or out of school, were justice involved, are in or transitioning from foster care or engaged with the mental health or substance abuse system.

The Orange County Conservation Corps serve at-risk young adults through employment, training and educational programs that build self-sufficiency and benefit the community through conservation-driven projects. They have almost thirty years of history working with at risk adults in conservation and community service projects.

Under the agreement, the Corps will serve 80 youth age 18-30 in paid work experience in three areas: food insecurity, climate resilience and COVID-19 recovery. Averaging 29 hours per week, the youth will work at local area food banks unloading trucks, packaging boxes, delivery and distribution of food to locations throughout the county. They may also work on county and city projects in clearing brush from trails, creeks or riverbanks and other fire fuel reduction removal efforts to promote climate resilience.

This agreement will help the City fulfill the goal of serving 290 youth by May 2024 under the Californians for All Youth Workforce grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are budgeted and available for anticipated expenditures as follows:

Fiscal Year	Accounting Unit- Account	Fund Description	Accounting Unit, Account Description	Amount
FY 22-23 (August – June)	18318763 - Various	CA for All Grant	CA for All Grant, Payment to Subagent	\$824,497.80
FY 23-24 (July – March)	18318763 - Various	CA for All Grant	CA for All Grant, Payment to Subagent	\$674,589.20
			Total Expenditures	\$1,499,087

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Agreement

Submitted By: Steven Mendoza, Assistant City Manager

Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager