



City of Santa Ana
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Workforce Development Board Staff Report
May 18, 2023

Topic: Youth Request for Proposal Program Year (PY) 2023-27

AGENDA TITLE:

Ranking of Youth Provider Request for Proposals for Program Year (PY) 2023-27

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Accept the review committees ranking of youth proposals to award future Youth Provider agreements utilizing funds from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for a four-year procurement period ending June 30, 2027.
2. Recommend City Council approve and execute an agreement with the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center for \$200,000 to serve 20 Santa Ana youth subject to availability of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act youth funds.
3. Discuss programing opportunities for the balance of Program Year's 2022-23 and 2023-24 Youth funds and provide direction to staff.

DISCUSSION

Under the authority of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Santa Ana Workforce Development Board (WDB) procures Youth Service Providers to provide WIOA services to eligible at-risk youth Santa Ana youth. With the approval of the WDB, staff released the Youth Provider Request for Proposal (RFP) for a four-year procurement cycle on November 4, 2022. The deadline to submit a response to the RFP was January 10, 2023 with two proposals meeting the submission requirement. On February 24, 2023, the RFP review committee, comprised of three Youth Council members, reviewed and ranked the proposals with one proposal receiving a failing score.

Rank	Score	Organization	# of Youth to Serve	In School	Out of School	Youth Council Recommended Funding
1	85.3%	OC Children's Therapeutic Arts Center	20	4	16	\$200,000
2	48.5%	Hire 1 of Us	20	4	16	\$0

At the conclusion of the RFP review process, the Youth Council took action at their April 13, 2023 meeting recommending the Workforce Development Board approve the RFP

ranking and forward to City Council to award an agreement with the Orange County Children Therapeutic Arts Center pending availability of WIOA Youth funds.

Awarding one contract will leave a sizable percentage of WIOA Youth funds unobligated going into the new program year. Staff would like to discuss with the WDB several options available to them and seek direction on next steps.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds available in the WIOA Youth Council's account (nos. 12318763-various) upon adoption of the FY 2023-24 budget.

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