



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Sheridan Bohlken, Recreation Services Director

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Lucia Mar Unified School District to Provide Fr Click or tap to enter a date.ee Child Care through the Bright Futures Expanded Learning Opportunities Program

DATE: June 14, 2022

SUMMARY OF ACTION:

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lucia Mar Unified School District (LMUSD) (Attachment 1) will provide a mechanism to offer free child care to families during “expanded learning opportunities” during the 2022 summer break. By doing so, the City will be reimbursed through the Bright Futures Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) grant to provide child care at Ocean View Elementary School. While this grant has the potential to continue for the 2022-23 school year for before school, after school, and/or other school breaks and expand to Branch Elementary School, this MOU addresses the first phase of the program to be offered to students enrolled in summer school at Ocean View Elementary.

IMPACT ON FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES:

The components of the MOU for the ELOP have taken several months to define in parameters that meet both the requirements of the grant and child care programming offered by the City. Staff has met with LMUSD representatives and researched how to meet these requirements (approximately 15 hours), evaluating costs, staffing and facility availability. As presented, the partnership offers a \$50 reimbursement to the City per day per student with a minimum payment for 50 students (regardless of enrollment), in addition to a one-time \$1,000 partner provider fee. Additionally, materials, guest speakers and other supplies will be reimbursed through ELOP. The proposed Mid-Cycle Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2022-23 includes an estimated \$126,000 in total revenue and expenditures for the summer program.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the MOU with LMUSD for the City to provide child care free of charge to students enrolled in summer school at Ocean View Elementary and be reimbursed through the ELOP grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) provides state grant funding (Assembly Bill [AB] 130, Chapter 44, Statutes of 2021, as amended by AB 167, Chapter 252, Statutes of 2021) for afterschool and summer school enrichment programs for kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) through sixth grades. Statewide, educational agencies are receiving \$1.75 billion dollars in Fiscal Year 2021-22 with an anticipated growth to \$5 billion dollars within the next 3-5 years.

It is the intent of the Legislature that expanded learning programs funded through the ELOP are student-centered, results driven, include community partners, and complement, but do not replicate, learning activities in the regular school day and school year. "Expanded learning" refers to before school, after school, summer, or intersession learning programs that focus on developing the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of pupils through hands-on, engaging learning experiences.

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES:

LMUSD has received funding allocations for the ELOP and began conversation with City's Recreation Services Department in January, 2022 to provide services fulfilling the grant requirements. As the City is a child care provider at two LMUSD elementary school sites, partnership with the City was requested to provide ELOP programming first at Ocean View Elementary during the summer of 2022. As this program is intended to continue forward at all elementary schools in the LMUSD for the 2022-2023 school year, planning is currently underway and a separate MOU will be brought forward at a future date for the program to be offered at both Ocean View and Branch Elementary schools. For the summer program, meetings were held between City and LMUSD staff to discuss grant requirements, steps towards program implementation, cost of services and program needs.

Rates of reimbursement have been calculated for the cost of services and have been determined to be \$50 per day per student for the first phase of the program in summer 2022. For summer programming, hours of operation will be from 12:30pm-6pm, Monday through Thursday. While the ELOP will only be available to students attending summer school, the City will be offering a regularly scheduled day camp program at Ocean View Elementary school, Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm, open for registration to any child in TK through 6th grade.

Through conversation with LMUSD on how to operate the ELOP (Attachment 2) and how partnering with the City would be best, the school district has agreed to provide materials, support and facilities. The proposed MOU with LMUSD for ELOP requires that the City:

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1. Plan and provide activities that are developmentally age appropriate, including literacy activities from after school until 6pm;
2. Provide proof that all staff are No Child Left Behind (NCLB) certified;
3. Keep premises clean and put away all equipment and supplies;
4. Allow parents and staff of LMUSD to visit the site with prior approval;
5. Bill LMUSD bi-monthly with supporting attendance records for reimbursement;
6. Provide LMUSD any information pertaining to ELOP/Bright Futures that is requested;
7. Maintain ratios of staff to students of 1:20.

In addition and in turn, LMUSD will:

1. Provide curriculum upon request;
2. Offer the No Child Left Behind curriculum support for any City staff who may not have 60 college units or an AA degree;
3. Agree to make appropriate and adequate facilities available to the City to run the program;
4. Agree to provide the names of and other pertinent information of the students attending the program;
5. Provide supper for the students attending the afterschool program;
6. Pay \$1,000 to the City as a partner provider fee;
7. Reimburse City \$50 per day for a minimum of 50 students and maximum of 120 students for 21 days equating of a range from \$52,500-\$126,000, depending upon enrollment.

ALTERNATIVES:

The following alternatives are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Approve the proposed MOU with LMUSD to provide services for the ELOP and authorize the City Manager to execute agreement;
2. Do not approve the proposed MOU with LMUSD; or
3. Provide other direction to staff.

ADVANTAGES:

The following advantages are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. Providing child care free of cost through ELOP for local families will greatly benefit children and families;
2. Partnering with LMUSD will further strengthen the growth of the City's youth and bolster their education through efforts involving literacy; and
3. Creating a viable pathway for families to access free quality child care so that they may be able to work will assist with children's overall success in school and life, and will strengthen family units in the Arroyo Grande community now and into the future.

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DISADVANTAGES:

As this grant program addresses one of the challenges facing the child care sector in Arroyo Grande and provides free child care to local families with children in Transitional Kindergarten through 6th grade, there are no disadvantages known at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

No environmental review is required for this item.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND COMMENTS:

The Agenda was posted at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

Attachments:

1. Proposed MOU Between the City of Arroyo Grande and Lucia Mar Unified School District for the Bright Futures After-School Summer Learning Program
2. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan Guide