



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: JANUARY 10, 2017**

**FROM: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR** **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2016-2017 CITIES COMBATING HUNGER THROUGH AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER MEAL PROGRAMS GRANT INITIATIVE - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Accept the National League of Cities 2016-2017 Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) technical assistance and grant initiative in the amount of \$40,000 to enhance and promote participation in the summer meal and afterschool meal programs.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Accept supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$40,000 from the National League of Cities, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the necessary documents with the National League of Cities, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families; and
3. Authorize an increase to estimated revenues in the amount of \$40,000 and appropriate expenses in the same amount to a grant account number as assigned by the Finance Department.

## **BACKGROUND:**

### *Summer Meal Programs in the City of Riverside*

In the summer of 2015, the Riverside Unified School District and the Alvord Unified School District prepared a combined total of over 230,000 meals distributed throughout the city's parks, schools, and community centers, which is a 25% increase from 2014. There is still much work to do to address the summer hunger gap. Riverside Unified School District is serving about four to five thousand summer meals per day. It is estimated that 16,000 of the students are eligible.

### *Afterschool Meal Programs in the City of Riverside*

The current combined average daily attendance at the six afterschool program sites administered by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department that qualify for the Child and Adult

Care Food Program reimbursement is 60 participants. This number is the baseline for the project performance measure to increase participation in afterschool and summer meal programs in the City.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### *Project*

By December 2017, the project goals are to accomplish multiple outcomes related to summer and afterschool meals such as:

1. Establish two new summer meals sites
2. Pilot test taco cart menus and increase participation by 10% at four summer meal sites
3. Increase the participation in existing Parks Recreation Community Services Department afterschool programs by 20%
4. Expand parents/guardians of kids participating in the summer meals program to also eat with their kids

### *Supplemental Grant Funding*

On October 26, 2016, the National League of Cities informed the Mayor's Office that Riverside has been selected by the National League of Cities to participate in the 2016-2017 Cities Combating Hunger through Afterschool and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) technical assistance and grant initiative. As part of this state-wide initiative, the City of Riverside is receiving a grant in the amount of \$40,000.

### *Current Partners*

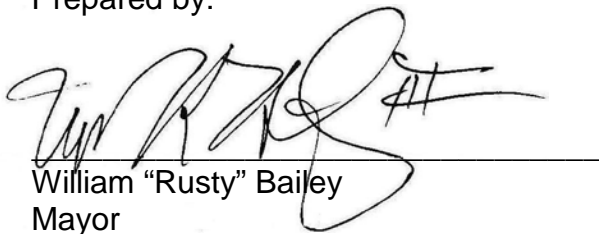
This project represents a collaboration between:

1. The Mayor's Office
2. The Community & Economic Development Department
3. The Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department
4. Alvord Unified School District and Riverside Unified School District

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The 2016-2017 supplemental grant funding for the enhancement and promotion of participation in the summer meal and afterschool meal totals \$40,000 and does not require matching funds.

Prepared by:



William "Rusty" Bailey  
Mayor

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: CHAMPS Award Letter, 10-26-16