



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 10, 2018

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,218 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Riverside County Probation Department for the Youth Accountability Team program for schools within the Riverside Unified School District in the amount of \$155,218 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, to reimburse the cost of one police officer's participation on the team.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Riverside County Probation Department for the Youth Accountability Team program for schools within the Riverside Unified School District;
2. Authorize an appropriation in revenues of \$155,218 to account 9337800102-33410000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to project account 9337800102-44021000 for the reimbursement funds; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Riverside County Probation Department, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On January 28, 2014, the City Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Riverside County Probation Department for the creation of a Youth Accountability Team (YAT) for schools within the Riverside Unified School District. The program has continued and the Riverside County Probation Department has proposed the attached MOU for fiscal year 2018-2019 that will allow for reimbursement in the amount of \$155,218.

The YAT is a collaborative intervention program that has teams comprised of representatives from the Probation Department, District Attorney's office, Sheriff's Department, Riverside Unified School District, community-based organizations and local law enforcement. The program is a voluntary and collaborative effort to prevent, intervene and suppress youth delinquency. YAT participants are between the ages of 12-17 and exhibit one or more of the following forms of delinquency: substance abuse, school discipline problems, family conflict, gang association or habitual truancy and curfew violations.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Youth Accountability Team program is an extension of the community oriented policing philosophy whereby police officers are assigned to public schools to provide a direct public safety resource to the various public schools within a school district. The model has proven to be an effective way to prevent crime from occurring within the school environment and to handle investigations when a crime occurs. In addition, anti-crime and anti-drug awareness education programs are supported by the law enforcement officers assigned to the schools.

The Riverside Police Department participates on the team by providing one police officer. Continuation in this program has been beneficial for the community and has helped increase positive communication between students and police officers.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Youth Accountability Team consists of one Riverside Police Officer. The estimated cost for salary and benefits is \$203,478. Per the terms of the MOU, the Riverside County Probation Department will provide reimbursement in the amount of \$155,218; the current annual reimbursement of \$158,460. The decrease in funding of approximately \$3,000 is attributed to available program funding. The Department will cover the balance that exceeds the reimbursement amount with sufficient budget available in the Adopted FY 2016-2018 Two-Year budget.

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Attachment:	Riverside County Probation Department and City of Riverside, Youth Accountability Team Services Memorandum of Understanding
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