



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARDS: 1, 2 AND 4**

SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE FOR A UNIVERSITY/EASTSIDE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH, INCREASING THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT FROM \$55,000 TO \$62,000 FOR EACH OF THE TWO REMAINING YEARS

ISSUE:

Approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Regents of the University of California, Riverside Unified School District, and the City of Riverside for a University/Eastside Community Collaborative, increasing the City contribution from \$55,000 to \$62,000 per year for the remaining two 1-year periods of the MOU term, for a total three year contract amount of \$179,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Regents of the University of California, Riverside Unified School District, and the City of Riverside for the University/Eastside Community Collaborative, increasing the City's annual contribution from \$55,000 to \$62,000 per year for the remaining two 1-year periods of the MOU term, for a total three-year contract amount of \$179,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute necessary documents for the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding, including minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

On October 27, 2015, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Regents of the University of California, Riverside (UCR), Riverside Unified School District (RUSD), and the City of Riverside, forming the University/Eastside Community Collaborative (UECC). The UECC is a program which draws upon university students to provide educational and service programs to "At Risk Youth" residing or attending schools in the

Eastside Community of Riverside. Trained tutors/mentors work with 1,500 students per year, helping to boost their self-esteem as well as their test scores by providing educational assistance, computer assistance, recreational activities, and family-oriented events.

The program defines "At Risk Youth" as first through sixth grade students who reside in the Eastside or attend school at one of the designated school sites and who demonstrate the potential to succeed, but are at risk of not becoming successful adults. The program also includes students who perform below the proficiency level in language arts or mathematics, are enrolled in a Title 1 School, and/or qualify as low-income based on eligibility for the "Free or Reduced Lunch Program."

DISCUSSION:

On September 11, 2018, the City Council approved an MOU for the three-year term of September 2018, through August 31, 2021. Under the terms of the MOU, each party is responsible for contributing \$55,000 annually to the University to support operating expenses for the UECC program.

The Eastside area continues to be challenged with a diverse community, crime, and high levels of economic disadvantage. As a result, the City of Riverside and RUSD have agreed to consider increasing their annual contribution from \$55,000 to \$62,000, for the two 1-year periods of the MOU term which includes the periods of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020, and September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase annual contribution from \$55,000 to \$62,000 for years two and three of the MOU, for a total three year contract amount of \$179,000. Funds in the amount of \$62,000 are available in the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department Professional Services account 5205000-421000, and \$62,000 will be budgeted in subsequent years.

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Attachment:	First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding
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