RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0266

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 18, 2020

CARES Act Framework and Funding Priorities; Establish Sac Childcare Learning and Student Support Program

BACKGROUND


B. On March 5, 2020, the County of Sacramento proclaimed a public health emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 in the county.

C. On March 13, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring a local emergency relating to the pandemic.

D. On April 21, 2020, the City received $89.6 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

E. On May 12, 2020, the City Council held a workshop to discuss a Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) framework and funding priorities for expenditure of the $89.6 million. During the workshop Council and stakeholders expressed overall interest in funding programs and projects that, among other things, provide small business assistance, get people back to work, offer opportunities for youth enrichment, address homelessness and housing issues, and support the arts and tourism industries that were directly impacted by this pandemic.

F. On May 26, 2020, City Council committed $28 million in CRF to support immediate local economic relief services and programs for residents and adopted a general framework proposed by the Mayor for funding priorities.

G. On May 26, 2020, City Council also directed the City Manager to continue to identify and prepare CRF funding recommendations.

H. Education experts are stating COVID-19 related extended departure from in-classroom learning is having an enormous negative impact, particularly for vulnerable students. Fall learning opportunities and interventions that mitigate COVID-19 related learning loss and address students’ social emotional learning are an immediate and urgent need. If left unaddressed, these impacts will increase academic achievement gaps, social isolation, and overall educational inequity citywide.
I. Leveraging and enhancing childcare/extended learning model, the Sac Childcare Learning and Student Support (CLASS) program, through the Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Department (YPCE), would offer a free, safe, and structured day similar to a K-6 school day to fill in the gaps left by lack of in-person instruction, and supporting children who need the routines of school.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Sac Childcare Learning and Student Support Program is approved.

Section 2: The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to establish a $1,460,000 budget for the Sac Childcare Learning and Student Support Program in the CARES Act Program (G02610100) with a transfer of $1,460,000 from the Youth Enrichment Program in the Federal CARES Act Fund (Fund 2704).

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on August 18, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Member Jennings

Attest: Mindy Cuppy

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.