



Report to City Council

TO: Mayor and City Council
Mayor and City Council Acting in its Capacity as President and Members of the Board of Directors of the Moreno Valley Community Services District (CSD)

FROM: Jeremy Bubnick, Parks & Community Services Director

AGENDA DATE: January 7, 2025

TITLE: AUTHORIZE RENEWAL APPLICATION AND ACCEPT FUNDING FOR AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SAFETY (ASES) GRANT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025/26 THROUGH 2027/28 (REPORT OF: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES)

TITLE SUMMARY: Authorize Renewal Application and Accept Funding For After School Education and Safety (ASES) Grant For Fiscal Years 2025/26 through 2027/28.

Recommendation(s)

That the City Council and CSD:

1. Authorize the submission of a renewal application and accept funding for After School Education and Safety (ASES) Grant funds from California Department of Education (CDE) for fiscal years 2025/26 through 2027/28; and
2. Upon approval of the application, authorize acceptance of ASES funding in the approved amount and any subsequent amendments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 from the California Department of Education (CDE) Expanded Learning Office for the purpose of providing after school services and authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) or its designee to make modifications to the revenue and expenditure budget which will be net neutral, based on the final contract amount (which could be more or less than estimated).

SUMMARY

The After School Education and Safety (ASES) Grant funding will allow the City, in partnership with Think Together Inc., Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD), and Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD) to continue providing after school expanded learning opportunities for elementary and middle school students in a physically and emotionally safe environment. The estimated grant application will be in the amount of \$7,020,157.98.

DISCUSSION

The City of Moreno Valley originally applied for and received ASES Grant funding for fiscal years 2006/07 through 2009/10. The grant has since been renewed five times, for additional three-year cycles, and is currently funded through FY 2024/25 in the amount of \$7,020,157.98. The after-school program offers expanded learning opportunities to over 4,300 students daily, in 43 school sites in the Moreno Valley and Val Verde Unified School Districts. The City has partnered with Think Together to operate all 43 sites since FY 2011/12.

The focus of the ASES Grant is to provide literacy, academic enrichment, and safe, constructive alternatives for kindergarten through eighth grade students at no cost. The school sites receiving grant funding were chosen based in part on the percentage of students eligible for the free and reduced-price lunch program. The ASES program requires sites to operate after school for a minimum of 15 hours per week, during every regular school day during the school year, beginning immediately at the conclusion of the regular school day until at least 6:00 p.m., and to offer a daily nutritious snack that meets the requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National School Lunch Program for meal supplements.

The program includes an educational and literacy element and an educational enrichment element. The education and literacy element must include tutoring and/or homework assistance designed to help students meet state standards in one or more of the following core academic subjects: language arts, mathematics, history and social science, science, or computer training. The educational enrichment element must offer a range of additional services, programs, and activities that reinforce and complement the regular academic program of participating students to support positive youth development.

The City intends to continue its partnership with Think Together Inc., MVUSD, and VVUSD to improve the academic performance and scholastic success of students in the program by providing high-quality academic programming during after school hours. This program benefits the community as a whole.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Authorize the Executive Director/City Manager to submit the renewal application and accept funding for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Grant from the California Department of Education for fiscal years 2025/26 through 2027/28.
Staff recommends this alternative as it will allow for continued funding of the

ASES after school program.

2. Do not authorize the Executive Director/City Manager to submit the renewal application and accept funding for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) Grant from the California Department of Education for fiscal years 2025/26 through 2027/28. ***Staff does not recommend this alternative as it will not allow for continued funding of the ASES after school program.***

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund. The proposed ASES grant will fund all program expenditures at 100 percent through direct funding for three fiscal years. Think Together Inc. will provide an amount of cash or in-kind local funds in an amount not less than one-third of the total awarded grant amount to meet the match requirement. The grant funds are for the provision of after school care only and are restricted to this program. Upon award, funding would be budgeted in the Fund 2202 ASES Program Grant Budget.

NOTIFICATION

Posting of the Agenda.

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CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Advocacy: Develop cooperative intergovernmental relationships and be a forceful advocate of City policies, objectives, and goals to appropriate external governments, agencies and corporations.

Positive Environment: Create a positive environment for the development of Moreno Valley's future.

Public Safety: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community, control the number and severity of fire and hazardous material incidents, and provide protection for citizens who live, work and visit the City of Moreno Valley.

Revenue Diversification and Preservation: Develop a variety of City revenue sources and policies to create a stable revenue base and fiscal policies to support essential City services, regardless of economic climate.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Library**
- 4. Infrastructure**
- 5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life**
- 6. Youth Programs**

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