



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: April 21, 2026

TITLE: ACCEPT ONE-TIME 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY
LEARNING CENTERS SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT
FUNDING FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION
AND SAFETY (ASES) PROGRAM (REPORT OF:
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES) (DISTRICT: ALL
DISTRICTS)

TITLE SUMMARY: Acceptance of the 21st Century Community Learning
Centers Supplemental Grant Funding from California
Department of Education for the After School Education and
Safety (ASES) Program.

DISTRICT: All Districts

Recommendation(s)

That the City Council and CSD:

1. Accept the 21st Century Community Learning Centers supplemental one-time grant award in the amount of \$2,700,000 from the California Department of Education for the enhancement of the existing After School Education and Safety Program (ASES);
2. Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to enter into an agreement and any subsequent amendments with Think Together, Inc. for operation of the existing After

School Education and Safety (ASES) Program at the Moreno Valley Unified School District and Val Verde Unified School District grant approved sites; and issuance of associated Purchase Order once the Agreement has been fully executed; and

3. Approve budget adjustments as set forth in the Fiscal Impact section of this report.

SUMMARY

The City of Moreno Valley (City) received a Final Intent to Award notification on February 12, 2026 from the California Department of Education (CDE) identifying the City as a recipient of \$2,700,000 in supplemental grant funding.

This 21st Century Community Learning Centers supplemental one-time grant will allow the City, in partnership with Think Together, Inc., Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD), and Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD), to enhance existing ASES programs by providing additional academic enrichment opportunities, physical activities, and evidence-based programs during non-school hours.

Funding will be used to strengthen existing after-school and supplemental learning programs in alignment with applicable federal and state program requirements.

BACKGROUND

In late 2025, the CDE released a Request for Applications for a one-time 21st Century Community Learning Centers supplemental funding opportunity, which was designed to enhance existing expanded learning programs serving the elementary and middle school students at Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) and Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD). The funding is intended to strengthen current programs by expanding in areas such as academic enrichment, tutoring, mentoring, physical activity, and other evidence-based educational activities that support student success.

The City applied for this supplemental funding opportunity on behalf of 43 existing expanded learning program sites. Following the CDE review process, 18 sites were selected for funding based on each school's percentage of students eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Meals (FRPM). Of the funded sites, 5 are in VVUSD and 13 are in MVUSD. Each site was awarded \$150,000, for a total award amount of \$2,700,000.

In accordance with the program guidelines, applicants were invited to request funding to enhance services through existing After School Education and Safety (ASES) programs, with funds required to supplement rather than replace existing services.

On January 20, 2026, the City Council approved the transition of fiscal administration of the ASES program from the City of Moreno Valley to the Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) and Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD), effective July 01, 2026. While the ASES program will transition to the school districts at the conclusion of the current program year, the City remains eligible to receive and administer certain expanded learning grant funds during the remaining grant performance period.

The grant performance period runs from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; however, the City’s agreement with Think Together, Inc. extends only through June 30, 2026. As a result, grant funds administered to Think Together, Inc. must be expended during the term of the City’s agreement. The one-time supplemental grant funding described in this report will support enhancements to existing programming during this period in accordance with the California Department of Education requirements.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the recommendations as listed in this staff report. **Staff recommends this alternative as it will allow for enhanced child care and development services to existing programs for school-age children.**
2. Do not approve the recommendations as listed in this staff report. **Staff does not recommend this alternative.**

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. In addition, no match is required. The ASES Grant is a State education funding source that is reimbursed based on eligible program expenditures and may only be used for allowable program and administrative costs. The Parks and Community Services Department wishes to establish revenue and expenditure budget appropriations for the grant term, in Fund 2202, ASES Grant Program, as outlined below:

Description	Fund	GL Account No.	Type (Rev/Exp)	FY25/26 Budget	Proposed Adjustments	FY25/26 Amended Budget
ASES Program Grant	2202	2202-50-92-75312-486000 GR PCS ASES SUPP	Rev	\$0	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
ASES Program Grant	2202	2202-50-92-75312-611510 GR PCS ASES SUPP	Exp	\$0	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000
ASES Program Grant	2202	2202-50-92-75312-625099 GR PCS ASES SUPP	Exp	\$0	\$2,646,000	\$2,646,000

NOTIFICATION

Posting of Agenda.

PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT

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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.

Community Image, Neighborhood Pride and Cleanliness: Promote a sense of community pride and foster an excellent image about our City by developing and executing programs which will result in quality development, enhanced neighborhood preservation efforts, including home rehabilitation and neighborhood restoration.

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

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**

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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