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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett, Mayor Jesse Arreguin, and
 Councilmember Kate Harrison
 Subject: Additional funding for Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative/Moving
 South Berkeley Forward

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council refers to the November Budget Annual Appropriations Ordinance to fund \$10,582.06 to Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative for a coordinator for the year-long Moving South Berkeley Forward project.

CURRENT SITUATION

Since 2017, Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative (BCGC) has been using funds from the Chancellor's Grant to support their program, Moving South Berkeley Forward (MSBF): Youth Farming on the Santa Fe Right of way. Currently, BCGC gives class credits to UC students who are mentors to high school students of the MSBF program to ensure that the participating high school students from low income families are getting paid. To continue this project, the project assistant's position is integral in achieving a green space for South Berkeley residents. The project assistant position will be responsible for recruiting future UC students mentors, securing funding to continue the project, and assisting in bringing public awareness of the project to the South Berkeley Community through coalition building. The proposed sum of \$10,582.06 includes \$8,590.40 for working 7.5 hours per week, benefit expense of \$1,029.66, and fiscal agent of \$962.00.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1995, BCGC supports schoolyard gardens and neighborhood gardens on public and private land throughout Berkeley by serving as a liaison with the city.¹ BCDG is committed to assist and protect existing gardens, facilitate the formation of new gardens, and advocate food security initiative in local schools and city.²

In 2017, the BCGC partnered with the UC Berkeley Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management (under the direction of Professor Celine Pallud) to receive a UC Chancellor's Grant to fund a new project called Moving South Berkeley Forward (MSBF): Youth Farming on the Santa Fe Right-of-Way. The MSBF Project is a year-long youth training program that aims to engage high school students of color from

¹ <https://sites.google.com/site/elcerritocommunitygarden/resources/community-gardens/berkeley-community-garden-collabroate>

² <https://ecologycenter.org/bcgc/>

economically disadvantaged families during the school year. The program design involves students doing preparatory work toward developing a farm that will be an urban agriculture training based for you in a portion of the Santa Fe Row. A desired outcome of this student participation is understanding urban environmental science fundamentals through hands-on experience by collecting, testing, and studying soil samples, which will be submitted to a certified EPA lab for complete analysis. Under the mentorship of UC Berkeley undergraduate students, high school age students from Berkeley High School will study urban agriculture, sample soils to locate the soil contamination, and survey South Berkeley neighbors about urban agriculture farming and public greenspace.³ Through this program, the high school students aim to secure data for the toxic soil contamination and ultimately convert the Santa Fe Right-of-Way into a green space for South Berkeley residents.

REVIEW OF EXISTING PLANS, PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND LAWS

In 1978, the City authorized the acquisition of Santa Fe Right-of-Way. Because of industrial railroad activity, certain parts of the property are known to have elevated levels of arsenic and other heavy metals, which are known hazards to human and environmental health.⁴

In 2017, the BCGC received \$10,000 through UC Chancellor's Grant for MSBF program.⁵

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

\$10,582.06.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The MSBF training program prioritizes one of the City's 2020 Vision goals – **Increasing the College and Career Readiness** of at-risk Berkeley youth via hands-on environmental science training and peer mentorship. Each UC Berkeley student mentors are in charge of two participating high school students, guiding them on how to collect empirical data, communicate with the public through environmental activism, and organize community events.

The program's goal also aligns with the City's 2020 Vision of providing equitable opportunities to all young people in Berkeley, especially on closing the gap for African American and Latino/a/x youth. The UC student mentors are from environmental science department and African American or Latino/a/x background, and the selected high school students are low-income students of color as well. Students participating in this year-long program is required to attend school, which meets with the 2020 Vision where "Every student attends school regularly."⁶

³ https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2018/02_Feb/Documents/2018-02-13_Item_03_License_Agreement_Ecology_Center.aspx

⁴ Ibid, 2.

⁵ https://chancellor.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/2017-18_ccpf_funding_descriptions.pdf

⁶ <https://www.berkeleyschools.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-09-25-Worksession-2020-Vision-Presentation.pdf>

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This project will contribute to the Berkeley Climate Action Plan goal of increasing sustainable urban agriculture and reducing vehicle miles traveled that are associated with the production and distribution of food in local urban communities.

OUTCOMES AND EVALUATION

It is expected that the City of Berkeley will recognize the importance of providing additional funding for Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative youth program's assistant in order to bring equity in academic achievement of the youth in Berkeley.

Attachments

1. BCGC COB Proposal Adjustments 2020
2. Project Director Range of Work Hours and Month of Work

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D.1 Program Budget Moving South Berkeley Forward

Personnel Expenses (from Staff List)	Original Total Proposed Program Budget FY2020	
Position	FTE	Salary
Project Director	19%	7,000.00
Project Coordinator	45%	17,000.00
Subtotal Salaries		24,000.00
Benefits		3,000.00
Total Personnel Expenses		27,000.00
Direct Program Operating Expenses		
Office Supplies		-
Transportation		-
Program Expense		-
Indirect Costs		4,000.00
Total Operating Expense		4,000.00
Total Expense		31,000.00

D.1 Program Budget BCGC

Personnel Expenses (from Staff List)	Original Total Proposed Program Budget FY2020	
Position	FTE	Salary
Project Director	46%	17,050.00
Subtotal Salaries		17,050.00
Benefits		2,550.00
Total Personnel Expenses		19,600.00
Direct Program Operating Expenses		
Office Supplies		400.00
Transportation		3,000.00
Program Expense		400.00
Rent		3,600.00
Indirect Costs		4,000.00
Total Operating Expense		11,400.00
Total Expense		31,000.00

Sum of 2 Submissions

Position		
Project Director	65%	24,050.00
Project Coordinator	45%	17,000.00
Subtotal Salaries		41,050.00
Benefits		5,550.00
Total Personnel Expenses		46,600.00
Direct Program Operating Expenses		-
Office Supplies		400.00
Transportation		3,000.00
Program Expense		400.00
Rent		3,600.00
Indirect Costs		8,000.00
Total Operating Expense		15,400.00
Total Expense		62,000.00

	Budget Adjustment		
	COB Funding FY2020 MSBF		
Position	FTE	Expenses	Change
Project Director	38%	14,290.96	7,290.96
Project Coordinator	25%	8,590.40	(8,409.60)
Subtotal Salaries		22,881.36	(1,118.64)
Benefits	18%	4,118.64	1,118.64
Total Personnel Expenses	63%	27,000.00	0.00
Direct Program Operating Expenses			-
Office Supplies		-	-
Transportation		-	-
Program Expense		-	-
Indirect Costs		4,000.00	-
Total Operating Expense		4,000.00	-
Total Expense		31,000.00	0.00

	COB Funding FY2020 BCGC		
Position	FTE	Expenses	Change
Project Director	36%	13,728.81	(3,321.19)
Subtotal Salaries		13,728.81	(3,321.19)
Benefits	18%	2,471.19	(78.81)
Total Personnel Expenses		16,200.00	(3,400.00)
Direct Program Operating Expenses			-
Office Supplies		400.00	-
Transportation		2,000.00	(1,000.00)
Program Expense		1,200.00	800.00
Rent		7,200.00	3,600.00
Indirect Costs		4,000.00	-
Total Operating Expense		14,800.00	3,400.00
Total Expense		31,000.00	(0.00)

Position		Expenses	Change
Project Director	74%	28,019.77	3,969.77
Project Coordinator	25%	8,590.40	(8,409.60)
Subtotal Salaries		36,610.17	(4,439.83)
Benefits		6,589.83	1,039.83
Total Personnel Expenses		43,200.00	(3,400.00)
Direct Program Operating Expenses		-	-
Office Supplies		400.00	-
Transportation		2,000.00	(1,000.00)
Program Expense		1,200.00	800.00
Rent		7,200.00	3,600.00
Indirect Costs		8,000.00	-
Total Operating Expense		18,800.00	3,400.00
Total Expense		62,000.00	0.00

Project Director Range of Work Hours and number of Months

Current work schedule is 12 hours p/wk.

Hours Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative

5.0 Community partner meetings (commission mtg(s), BFPC, LUWG, Ecology Ctr, Berkeley Partners for Parks, Phat Beets...)

3.5 BCG Hand Book (revision) BCGC Steering Committee

3.0 Garden site Events/ resolving neighbor issues, arbiter for conflicts among gardeners, funding

4.0 Community Events-Ala. County mapping project, Parks annual Harvest Festival, Resiliency Festival

Gill Tract Earth Day-Harvest Festival-McGee Earth Day panel, Health Department Round Table.

1.5 Scheduling Compost Deliveries (Truck Rental and sites)

6.0 Compost delivery (Compost Deliveries are once a month)

Hours Moving South Berkeley Forward*—BCGC Project Director/ MSBF Cal Coordinator

5.5 Saturday Sessions 4hours+ 1.5 hours (snack and supplies)

3.0 Recruiting /presentations

3.0 Researching funding sources

34.5 Total Hours for BCGC and MSBF

*MSBF is a school year project. This summer I will schedule canvassing some community sites as well as engage in door to door and public events.

BCGC not only serves the community and school site gardens, but has also set the goal of greening the South Berkeley Santa Fe Right Of Way in an effort to effect the health and wellbeing of its citizens. We ask that the requested funding for a coordinator for this project (MSBF) be approved **\$8,590.40**. We ask that the request to increase weekly hours from 12 to 30 and the duration of the work year be extended from 10 to 11 months for the project director at a cost of **\$28,019.77**. BCGC is scheduled to receive **\$11,795.50** in 2020. We are therefore seeking an additional **\$50,105.00**, which will meet our original request for these two projects of \$62,000.00. You will note that the Ecology Center has separated the budget by project first is MSBF; project director at 38% funding and project coordinator at 25%. Below that is BCGC budgeted at 36% for the project director's position. The combined budget at the bottom list **Transportation** (truck rental for compost deliveries) **Office Rental** at **\$7,200.00**, **Office Supplies** at **\$400.00** and **Program Expense** (computer, desk, file cabinet, phone) at **\$1,200.00** and **Indirect Cost** (fiscal agent) **\$8,000** (provides insurance for truck rental, SFROW insurance required by city to work at site) for a total of **\$18,800.00** in Operating Expenses. Tano, please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information on who and how these requested funds will be used.

