

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING (A) AN ALLOCATION OF \$2,562,500 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE 2022-2023 OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL AND SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS FOR SOCIOECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS IN THE COUNTY; AND (B) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SMCU COMMUNITY FUND TO ADMINISTER THE 2022-2023 OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE GRANT PROGRAM FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,500, WITH A TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2022.**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, since its emergence in early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted public health and the economy on a global scale, in the country and in San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 public health emergency has both caused and magnified negative impacts on residents of San Mateo County, including with regard to public health; mental health and emotional development; food and housing insecurity; economic dislocation and small business viability; and childcare, among other areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 public health emergency, while broadly impacting the community, has had an especially devastating impact on some segments of the San Mateo County population, including those of our neighbors who are lower income, who work in essential positions that cannot be performed remotely, and who hail from areas including the Mid- and South-Coast and North Fair Oaks; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has taken extensive steps to prevent the spread of the pandemic and to mitigate its impact, including funding, supporting, and coordinating testing, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine and treatment for infected individuals, public health and safety communications and interventions, issuance and enforcement of health orders, health system response and vaccination programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the state and local health orders taken to respond to the pandemic and to prevent and mitigate its spread also restricted certain types of economic activity which impacted the economy in the County, with revenue losses hitting small businesses and certain economic sectors and demographic groups particularly hard; and

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic continues to pose risks to public health and continues to cause negative impacts for our communities and the need to respond to those risks and impacts and to undertake measure to assist in recovery from the negative public health and economic impacts of the pandemic continues; and

**WHEREAS**, during and as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges accessing or affording out-of-school care have been widespread, with disruptions to early care and learning services similarly having negative impacts;

**WHEREAS**, educators, after-school care providers and child development experts agree that children need out-of-school programs - prior to school, after school and during school vacations - that support both academic progress and social and emotional development; and

**WHEREAS**, this need for out-of-school programs is particularly acute for socio-economically disadvantaged (SED) students and families living in communities severely

impacted by the pandemic due to challenges they faced during the pandemic which frequently included less access and support during distance learning because parents were unable to work from home, less reliable internet access, having to share computers with other family members and not having quiet places to study and that many SED students lacked access to opportunities for social and emotional growth provided through camps, tutoring and other private programs that middle and upper-income families provided their children over the past two years; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing access to such childcare services is responsive to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts and providing increased access to out-of-school programs can also help address lost instructional time and educational disparities for SED students that were exacerbated by the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, to help mitigate the challenges SED students faced during the pandemic, this Board allocated \$1,506,000 to fund a grant program to expand learning hub programs during the 2020-2021 school year (“Learning Hub Grant Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Learning Hub Grant Program supported 59 learning hub programs that provided 730 students safe, supportive locations to pursue distance learning while many schools were not open during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, while children have been back in school this past year and many are making progress, the impacts of the pandemic on SED students and their families persist which is why providing quality out-of-school care for SED students for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year is so important; and

**WHEREAS**, to support out-of-school programs during the 2022-2023 school year, a grant program modeled on the Learning Hub Grant Program and funded with

\$2,562,500 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds is proposed, with \$2,500,000 allocated to grants and \$62,500 to administrative fees (the “2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program will be open to non-profit and for-profit providers, and public entities (such as cities and school districts) that commit to using grant funds to expand the number of available out-of-school program slots for SED students and that meet the following threshold requirements:

- The provider is physically located in San Mateo County and serves TK through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students;
- The provider will be in operation for the school year 2022-2023 and operate at least 5 days per week;
- The provider offers academic and learning support along with activities and programs that promote the development of social and emotional learning; and
- The provider primarily serves or has the potential to serve at least 50% or more SED students, defined as students whose annual family income is less than [65% of the Area Median Income](#) and are agreeable to using grants funds to expand the number of available out-of-school program slots for SED students; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program would distribute grant funding proportionally based on the percentage of SED students in four geographic areas of the County: north, central, south and Coastsides; and

**WHEREAS**, to select grantees for this program, a weighted point system would be used to prioritize programs in each geographic area, including but not limited to the following criteria:

- 75% or more of the students served in the program are SED students, as defined above;
- The program serves English-language learners, students with special needs, students in the foster care system, and/or students experiencing homelessness;
- The program provides participating students with meals and/or other supports (such as mental health services);
- The program currently has access to the staffing and facilities required to expand out-of-school care slots for SED students; and

**WHEREAS**, grant amounts for the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program will be \$50,000 for programs serving or having the capacity to serve 100 students or less and \$75,000 for programs serving or having the capacity to serve 101 students or more; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board will be updated on the number of grants awarded and the names of the grantees when all the grants have been distributed; and

**WHEREAS**, at the end of the grant period, all grant recipients will be required to submit a written report detailing the number of SED children served and other performance metrics to be developed by County staff and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with applicable procurement requirements under ARPA, County staff employed informal procurement methods to solicit a number of potential providers to assist with administration of the program and selected SMCU Community Fund as the responsible provider available to meet the County's requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has recommended that the Board authorize the County Executive, or designee(s), to enter into an agreement with SMCU Community Fund to administer the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program, with a term ending November 30, 2022 and authorizing the payment of administrative fees in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that \$2,562,500 in ARPA funds is allocated for establishment of the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program in accordance with the Board's findings and intent set forth in this resolution and which Program shall consist of \$2,500,000 in grants and \$62,500 in administrative expenses.

**IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to enter into an agreement with SMCU Community Fund for an amount not to exceed \$62,500 to administer the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant program, with a term ending November 30, 2022, in accordance with the Board's findings and intent reflected in this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute amendments to the agreement with SMCU Community Fund which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in

aggregate) and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to apply any state and/or federal funds, to include those ARPA funds appropriated by the Board in this resolution, that may be made available for all or a portion of the monies expended on the agreement with SMCU Community Fund.

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