



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: September 2, 2015
Board Meeting Date: October 6, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
SaraT L. Mayer, Director of Public Health, Policy and Planning

Subject: Agreement with HEAL Project Inc. to continue implementation support of curriculum and infrastructure development for School Farm.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Health, Environment, Agriculture and Learning Project Inc. to continue to implement curriculum and activities supporting the County's sustainable food system and healthy food access goals and to continue necessary infrastructure development for School Farm, for the term of October 15, 2015 through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2010, Public Health Policy and Planning (PHPP) has partnered with Health, Environment, Agriculture and Learning (HEAL) Project Inc. to manage the San Mateo County School Farm in Half Moon Bay. HEAL is uniquely qualified to manage the day-to-day operations of an agricultural education facility that serves students from San Mateo County Schools. Students from low-income schools are prioritized for no-cost field trips to the farm.

On December 22, 2014, the PHPP Director entered into a contract with HEAL for \$80,000 to implement a curriculum and activities to support program goals and to continue necessary infrastructure development.

DISCUSSION:

San Mateo County is committed to creating a sustainable food system that ensures all residents have access to healthy food choices. HEAL is the only organization with the technical expertise to manage the San Mateo County School Farm and to facilitate on-farm lessons that are aligned with California Educational Content Standards. It is anticipated that students who visit the San Mateo County School Farm will become

better connected to the local food system and therefore more likely to make healthy food choices.

PHPP is requesting a waiver of the Request for Proposals requirement for this agreement with HEAL, based on HEAL being a sole source provider of an agricultural education facility that serves San Mateo County School students.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The Contract Compliance Committee has approved a waiver request to allow HEAL to continue implementation support of curriculum and infrastructure development for School Farm for the term of three years and 3.5 months.

Approval of this agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by building an informed, food literate population, a sustainable food system, and youth wellness. It is anticipated that at least 1,100 students from across San Mateo County will visit the farm each year and 350 will be eligible to participate in the free and Reduced Priced Meals program.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Estimated	FY 2016-17 Projected
Students visiting the San Mateo County School Farm	1,100	1,100
Students visiting the San Mateo County School Farm from schools with more than 50% of the students eligible to participate in the Free or Reduced Priced Meals program	350	350

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is October 15, 2015 through December 31, 2018. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$280,000. The agreement costs of \$280,000 are included in the PHPP FY2015-16 and FY2016-17 Recommended Budgets. Similar arrangements will be made for future budget years. This is a 100% net county cost-funded agreement. The payment provisions and levels of service in this contract are essentially the same as the prior contract.