



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager's Office

DATE: June 30, 2015

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 7, 2015

SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Reyna Farrales, Deputy County Manager

SUBJECT: Use of District-Specific Measure A Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Resolution approving the use of Measure A funds for One East Palo Alto's sponsored employment program and directing the Director of the Human Services Agency or her designee to amend the agreement with One East Palo Alto.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Measure A is the ten-year half-cent general sales tax approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012. The Board and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for Measure A spending.

On March 17, 2015 your Board adopted the Measure A allocation plan for the FY 2015-17 budget, during which the County anticipates Measure A receipts of about \$80 million annually. The plan included \$5 million in one-time loans or grants, and \$1 million each year for FY 2015-16 and 2016-17, divided equally among the five Board districts, for organizations that submitted Letters of Intent that were not funded or, in cases of emergencies or unforeseen circumstances, other one-time projects for organizations that did not submit a Letter of Intent. On April 28, 2015, your Board approved criteria and process to be used by staff to administer these funds.

The following Board District has submitted a request to use Measure A funds as set forth below and in the attachment hereto:

District/Project	Amount
District 4 (Warren Slocum) – One East Palo Alto - Sponsored Employment Program	\$30,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a one-time \$30,000 amendment to an existing agreement that will not exceed Department Head authority of \$100,000. There are sufficient Measure A funds budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2015-16 Budget and the transfer of \$30,000 from Non-Departmental Services to the appropriate HSA fund will be reflected in revisions to the County's FY 2015-16 Budget prior to its adoption in September.

ATTACHMENT – Project Summary: Sponsored Employment Program (SEP)

DISTRICT 4 (Supervisor Warren Slocum)
FY 2015-17 Measure A Request
One East Palo Alto
Sponsored Employment Program
\$30,000 one-time

One East Palo Alto's Sponsored Employment Program (SEP) is a summer employment program for vulnerable low-income youth and young adults in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. For SEP participants, the program is their gateway to the working world. For most, it gives them access to their first job, their first paycheck, their first understanding of what it means to be an employee, to work as a team, to show up willingly, and to be responsible for their efforts. These youth want to work, to contribute to family expenses, and to have a real and meaningful work experience.

In addition to high quality work experience, the program provides job skills training, mentoring relationships and community connectedness opportunities for the participants. The program runs for six weeks and participants work 30 hours a week for a stipend of \$9 per hour. SEP keeps young people engaged, teaches them skills, builds their self-respect, and teaches them the value of earning a paycheck. SEP participants have gone on to successfully compete in the job market. Many achieve full time employment that would not have been possible if they had not had the valuable support and experience gained in SEP.

One East Palo Alto submitted a Letter of Intent for Measure A funding for a Summer Youth Jobs Initiative for \$380,000 which was not recommended for funding. The Human Services Agency has an existing agreement with One East Palo Alto for SEP services for the term of July 1, 2015 to July 31, 2017. The agreement provides stipends and part-time employment to 10 youth in FY 2015-16 for \$30,000, and 5 youth in FY 2016-17 for \$15,000 for a two-year total of \$45,000. The Agency is reducing the contract because its costs are not claimable under existing state/federal funding sources.

This additional \$30,000 one-time allocation will serve 10 more youth in FY 2015-16.

With Board approval, the Director of the Human Services Agency or her designee will be directed to amend the current agreement to a new total of \$75,000. The amendment will also include a payment schedule that provides funds once a list of youth participants is provided, along with proof of residence in the county and current enrollment in a public assistance program.