



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC
HEALTH
File #: 18-1140

Board Meeting Date: 12/11/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health
Cassius Lockett, PhD, Director, Public Health, Policy and Planning

Subject: Amendment to the agreement with The Health, Environment, Agriculture, and Learning (HEAL) Project, Inc. to continue supporting The HEAL Project, Inc. to maintain the San Mateo County School Farm.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with The Health, Environment, Agriculture and Learning Project, Inc. for the support and management of the San Mateo County School Farm, extending the term through June 30, 2021, and increasing the amount by \$280,000 to an amount not to exceed \$560,000.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2010, Public Health, Policy and Planning (PHPP) has partnered with The Health, Environment, Agriculture and Learning (HEAL) Project, Inc. to manage the School Farm in Half Moon Bay. The HEAL Project, Inc. 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 October 6, 2015, your Board approved an agreement with The HEAL Project, Inc. to continue implementation support of curriculum and infrastructure development for San Mateo County School Farm (School Farm).

DISCUSSION:

San Mateo County Health is committed to creating a sustainable food system that ensures all residents have access to healthy food choices. The HEAL Project, Inc. has the technical expertise to manage the School Farm and to facilitate on-farm lessons that are aligned with California Content Standards. Students who visit the School Farm will become better acquainted with the local food system and, therefore, be more likely to make healthy food choices.

In their management of the county's school farm, The HEAL Project, Inc. provides San Mateo County

students with unique experiences that increase their knowledge of the food system and likely increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables. The amount of the contract will be increased to accommodate more students and more low-income students. From 2015 to 2017, 1,100 students visited School Farm, including 350 students eligible for the Free and Reduced Price School Meals program.

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

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

The Contract Compliance Committee has approved a waiver request to amend the agreement for an additional two and a half years.

Approval of this amendment 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 1,750 students from across the county will visit the farm each year and 50% of those participating will be eligible for the Free and Reduced Price School Meals program.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2018-19 Estimated	FY 2019-20 Projected
Number of students visiting the School Farm	1,750	1,750
Percentage of student visitors eligible for the Free or Reduced Price School Meals program	50% 875 Students	50% 875 Students

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the revised agreement is October 6, 2015 through June 30, 2021. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$560,000. This amendment increases the contract amount by \$280,000. Amendment costs of \$40,000 are included in the PHPP 2018-19 Adopted Budget and the remaining amendment amount of \$240,000 will be included in the PHPP FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Recommended Budgets. The amendment amount of \$280,000 is 100% funded by Net County Cost.