



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 1**  
**File #:** 19-685

Board Meeting Date: 7/9/2019

**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Michael Callagy, County Manager  
**Subject:** Use of District-Discretionary **Measure K** Funds - Supervisorial District 1

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing a one-time grant of district-discretionary **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$72,000, to San Bruno Park School District for the Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) program at Belle Air and Allen Elementary Schools, and authorizing the County Manager, or his designee, to execute the grant agreement.

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Measure K** is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years.

On February 12, 2019, the Board of Supervisors (Board) held a study session on **Measure K** expenditures and anticipated revenue for fiscal years (FY) 2019-21. The Board-appointed **Measure K** sub-committee, consisting of Supervisor Pine and Supervisor Canepa, convened the study session to, among other things, work with staff to facilitate the Board's development of **Measure K** priorities and continuing initiatives for FY 2019-21. The Board approved \$3.75 million in one-time loans or grants each fiscal year for FY 2019-21, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-discretionary needs and projects. District 1 has submitted a request to use its district-discretionary **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

District/Project	Amount
District 1 (Supervisor Dave Pine) - San Bruno Park School District: To support approximately 60% of the cost of the Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) program coach position.	\$72,000

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-discretionary Measure K funds approved by the Board in December 2018.

## **PROJECT SUMMARY:**

This is a request to authorize a grant to San Bruno Park School District (District), and resulting grant agreement in an amount not to exceed \$72,000, to support the San Bruno Park School District in its partnership with the Sobrato Foundation to implement the Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) program at Belle Air and Allen elementary schools, both Title I schools serving English Learners. The County Manager's Office will administer and manage the proposed agreement.

District-discretionary Measure K funding for this organization has previously been provided as listed below:

- \$67,500, approved 6/27/2017, to provide a physical education curriculum to students in Grades K-3 at two of the District's Title I schools
- \$67,500, approved 7/24/2018, to continue to provide a physical education curriculum to students in Grades K-3 at two of District's Title I schools

The SEAL model is a preschool through third grade program of the Sobrato Family Foundation designed to build the capacity of preschools and elementary schools to develop the language and literacy skills of young English learner children, and to close the academic achievement gap for this group by fourth grade. The model provides intensive professional development to preschool and elementary school teachers through workshop sessions, coaching, and collaborative reflection and planning, with the goal of developing academically proficient and literate students who express themselves articulately in two languages.

Both Belle Air and Allen elementary schools have had a pattern of low performance on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and English learner assessments for a number of years. The District has been challenged to shift its teacher practice, and provide ongoing coaching support and monitoring of student performance, within its budget constraints.

Over the course of three years, Allen and Belle Air elementary schools will implement the SEAL program in phases. In order to ensure sustained implementation, the District is requesting funding to support teacher coaching, which is a requirement for participation in SEAL and essential to long term success. The proposed **Measure K** funding of \$72,000 will support approximately 60 percent of the annual cost of the SEAL coach position (approximately \$120,000) for the District.

### **Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$72,000**

The release of funds will be contingent on the execution of an agreement providing for the County's confirmation of the expenditure of funds for the purposes stated herein. The County will disburse the funds to the following organization for the purposes described above:

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Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, San Bruno Park School District  
500 Acacia Avenue  
San Bruno, CA 94066  
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## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Description	Target
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Hire SEAL Coach	Complete
SEAL Coach attends training with Sobrato Foundation	Ongoing
SEAL Coach leads unit design days	6 Days
SEAL Coach organizes and prepares for SEAL Summer Bridge Program to develop students' language and literacy skills	10 Days
SEAL Coach leads planning for Summer Bridge Program	2 Days
SEAL Coach oversees and provides instructional support during Summer Bridge Program	10 Days

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement and resolution as to form.

Funding for the San Bruno Park School District's Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) program at Belle Air and Allen Elementary Schools contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by forging a partnership with the San Bruno Park School District to build the capacity of preschools and elementary schools in order to better develop academically proficient and literate students who express themselves articulately in two languages.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are sufficient Measure K funds for this specific FY 2019-20 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2019-20 Recommended Budget.