

Requested Meeting Date: **4/13/2017**

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorization for City Manager to Sign and Administer through Sub-Grant Recipients PY2015 Out-of-School (OS) Urban Youth Strategic Program Grant Funds. The City of Savannah has received a "Statement of Grant Award" for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act OS Urban Youth Program (\$80,988), from the Georgia Department of Economic Development --Workforce Development (GDEcD-WFD). The funds are earmarked for Bulloch, Chatham, Glynn, and Liberty Counties as outlined in the grant application. The period of availability for these funds is April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. (Recommend Approval)

RATIONALE *(describe explain why action is necessary):*

Pursuant to the Coastal Workforce Services (CWS) Consortium Agreement, the City of Savannah serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten (10) county region, and as such, City Council approval and authorization for the City Manager to receive grant funding and enter into Grant Administration Agreements with sub-grant recipients is necessary in accordance with the City of Savannah's procurement policies and procedures.

OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME *(explain what this action accomplishes):*

Objective: The purpose of the grant is to recover high school dropouts and to provide an array of counseling, employability and technical skills development, professional association, job development, and job placement services that will result in either a quality job leading to a career after graduation and/or enrollment in a postsecondary education and training program.

Jobs for Georgia's Graduates Program Outcome Goals

- 50 percent GED and/or high school graduation rate
- 80 percent experiencing a positive outcome, including: employment, postsecondary education enrollment, or military
- 60 percent employed in a job in the public or private sectors
- 60 percent employed in a full-time job
- 80 percent in a full-time placement, including: full-time job; full-time postsecondary enrollment; or a combination of work and school
- 80 percent improvement in study habits
- 90 percent participation in JAG Professional Association meetings and activities
- 80 percent increase using pre- and post-test knowledge assessment
- 90 percent participation in service learning projects
- 80 percent decline in discipline referrals
- Students are selected with no less than 5.0 average number of barriers
- 90 percent of participants with reduction in one or more barriers
- Average number of contact hours per participant: 80 contact hours
- Average number of JAG competencies attained: 20
- 100 percent of participants are being tracked accurately and in a timely manner using the Electronic National Data Management System (e-NDMS)
- 5 percent or less of graduates in the "unable to contact" category
- 30 percent pursuit of a postsecondary education

Local Performance July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

- Enroll 60 Youth in JGG OOS Program
- 30 Obtain a GED or High School Diploma
- 30 Obtain an industry recognized certificate
- 35 Obtain full time unsubsidized employment

- 60 Youth increase a minimum of 1 grade level

STRATEGIC OR ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENT (*identify Council priority*): Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction

SUMMARY EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND

The first sentence includes the Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item. Please include the reason for not selecting low bidder, if applicable.

The Coastal Workforce Development Board is recommending City Council approval to accept the PY2015 Out-of-School Urban Youth Strategic Grant Funds from the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Workforce Division (GDEcD-WFD) in the amount of \$80,988 and to authorize the City Manager to sign and administer Grant Funds through Sub-Grant Recipients earmarked for Youth program activities to Region 12/Area 20 for Bulloch, Chatham, Glynn, Liberty.

In 2016, the CWDB was awarded capacity building and strategic programming funds by GDEcD-WD to implement the State's first Jobs for Georgia's Graduates (JGG) Out-of-School model. The funds were awarded as a part of GDEcD's Out-of-School Urban Youth Initiative and will focus on youth in Bulloch, Chatham, Glynn, and Liberty counties. The JGG model will provide competency based programming for educational goals and employment options to develop a sustainable workforce within our service areas. The period of availability for the grant and sub-award is April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST SUMMARY

Include project cost, approved budget amount, account number and grant, if applicable, source of funds and any future funding requirements.

The City of Savannah was awarded PY2015 Out-of-School Urban Strategic Program funds from GDEcD in the amount of \$80,988. The City of Savannah is reimbursed monthly for all grant related expenditures.

EXHIBITS

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