



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant: Acceptance of Funding for Counseling Services for Attendance Centers

Location/Council District: District 1 and 4

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant award from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and 2) increasing the Police Department's Grant Operating and Grant Revenue Budgets in the amount of \$268,305

Contact: Darrell Fong, Captain, 808-0301 and Lyn Corbett, Youth Director, 808-8849

Presenters: Darrell Fong, Captain and Lyn Corbett, Youth Director

Department: Police and Office of Youth Development

Division: Special Investigations and Office of Youth Development

Department No: 11001241 (2142) and 02001041 (0340)

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Sacramento Police Department and the Office of Youth Development would like to use the grant funds provided by the United States Department of Justice to offer additional counseling services for truant students and their families at the Attendance Centers at Inderkum, McClatchy, and Luther Burbank High Schools for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year.

Policy Considerations: The acceptance of the grant award is consistent with the goals of the Office of Youth Development as well as the City Council's strategic plan for public safety.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to Sections 15321(b) (law enforcement activities) and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

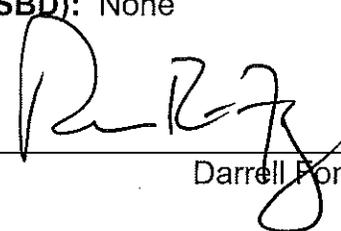
Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: Truancy is usually a symptom of other problems. The counseling component has proved beneficial to the process as this service has provided an opportunity to delve deeper into the issues impacting the lives of youth who are perpetually truant. The overall aim of the Attendance Centers is to provide truant students with the support they need to create a more promising future. Counseling services at these Attendance Centers also aligns with the City Council's strategic plan for public safety.

Financial Considerations: The attendance centers are a collaborative prevention effort of the Sacramento Police Department, the County of Sacramento, Sacramento area school districts, and community-based organizations. In prior fiscal years, funding for the centers was provided by the Gang Violence Suppression Grant (funded truancy sweeps) and other one-time funds that are no longer available. Funding from the US Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention FY2008 Earmarks Program will provide for the continuance of the existing program by funding counseling services provided by community-based organizations during the grant period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. No matching funds are required and there is no current or future impact to the general fund.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None

Respectfully Submitted by: _____


Darrell Fong, Captain

Approved by: _____


Rick Braziel, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:


for _____
Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

In 2007, the Sacramento Police, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Youth Development recognized a need for counseling services at Attendance Centers. The centers were established at Inderkum High School in the Natomas Unified School District and McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District. Contracts were arranged with EMQ Children and Family Services (Inderkum High School), La Familia Counseling Center, Inc. (McClatchy High School), and Another Choice Another Chance (Luther Burbank High School).

The Attendance Centers operated from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday throughout the school year. During these times, officers brought in truant students to the centers. Upon arrival, the center staff verified attendance records and other information. The student then met with a counselor to determine underlying issues causing truancy. The young person's family would be contacted and their involvement was encouraged. The family, student, and the counselor would work together to solve the problem. If needed, home visits were conducted. Please refer to the informational report regarding the results of these interactions.

For the 2008/2009 school year, the centers will continue at the same locations and the hours will remain the same. The center operates with clerical staff provided by the school districts. Additional counselors are needed to bolster the efforts and effectiveness of existing staff at the centers.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR COUNSELING SERVICES AT
ATTENDANCE CENTERS AT INDERKUM, MCCLATCHY, AND LUTHER BURBANK
HIGH SCHOOLS**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Sacramento Police Department and Office of Youth Development continue to recognize a need for counseling services at Inderkum, McClatchy, and Luther Burbank High School's Attendance Centers. Inderkum High School is part of the Natomas Unified School District. McClatchy and Luther Burbank High Schools are both part of the Sacramento City Unified School District.
- B. The United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency have granted the City of Sacramento, \$268,305 for the operation of Attendance Centers.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept a grant award on behalf of the City of Sacramento, from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention which totals \$268,305, including any future extensions, agreements, modifications or attachments thereof.
- Section 2. The City Manager, or designated representative, is authorized to make the necessary Police Department grant revenue and expense budget adjustments to implement the \$268,305 grant award.

