



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
October 31, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Update on Parks and Recreation Proposition 49 Application

Location/Council District: All/Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Janet Baker, Operations Manager, 808-8234

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Description/Analysis

Issue: On August 23, 2005, City Council authorized staff to apply for, accept, amend, and administer grant funds from the California Department of Education (CDE) that allowed the Sacramento START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) after-school program to operate for an additional three years through June 30, 2008. Council also authorized signing documents with CDE and with the participating school districts. The voters of the State of California passed state ballot measure Proposition 49 several years ago to provide after school enrichment programs at public school sites. The program was delayed until adequate funding was available through the State budget to begin the program. With funding now approved in Senate Bill 638, California will fully fund the After School Education and Safety Program (SES) at \$550,000,000 in accordance with the provision of Proposition 49. Applications to the CDE are due November 3, 2006. This report serves to update Council on staff's efforts to maximize funding opportunities for elementary and middle school students through partnerships with the various school districts operating in the City of Sacramento.

Policy Considerations: Operating the Sacramento START and Passages programs are consistent with the City’s strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability by providing positive after school activities for youth.

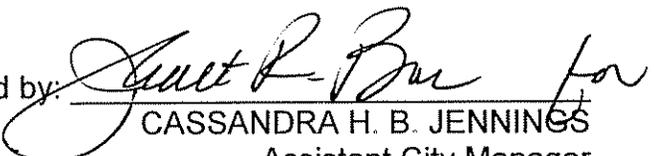
Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Not applicable.

Financial Considerations: Upon CDE approval of our application, there would be approximately \$3,000,000 available for the implementation of proposed Proposition 49 programs City wide (see Attachment 2).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

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Recommendation Approved:


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ATTACHMENT 1**BACKGROUND**

The State of California voters passed a ballot initiative several years ago that provided for after school enrichment programs for elementary and middle school students. The implementation of funding for the programs was contingent upon adequate State funding to begin the program. In September, the California Department of Education (CDE) announced with the passage of Senate Bill 638, the State of California would fully fund the After School Education and Safety Program (SES) at \$550,000,000 in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 49. Eligible applicants for the program include local educational agencies or a city, county or nonprofit organization in partnership with a local educational agency. The City could not apply with a school district partner.

This funding program is complementary and consistent with current grants providing funding for the City's START program at elementary school sites and the Passages program at middle school sites. Staff is proposing that the additional funding will add new sites to those existing programs.

Sacramento START has been operating at elementary schools throughout the City and County of Sacramento since 1995. The program provides literacy, homework assistance and enrichment programs to more than 6,000 children at more than 40 elementary schools at which at least half of the students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch programs. Current funding is provided through a partnership with the California Department of Education, the City of Sacramento, the six participating school districts (Del Paso Heights, Elk Grove Unified, Natomas Unified, North Sacramento, Rio Linda Unified, and Sacramento City Unified), and donations from foundations, businesses and individuals.

For the past 6 years, the Sacramento Unified School District (SCUSD) and the City of Sacramento have partnered together to provide the Passage After-School program for middle school students. The program has a proven record of success in building the capacity for students to succeed both academically and socially. The continuation of this after-school component will provide a continuum of after-school learning opportunities for middle school students that wouldn't otherwise exist. The program would consist of up to one hour of homework and tutoring assistance and several educational and enrichment/recreational classes from which to choose.

The SCUSD was awarded a California Department of Education (CDE) grant for the Passage Program for seven middle schools to implement an after-school educational and enrichment program. SCUSD asked the City to be the contract service provider for this program given the City's successful track record delivering after-school programs throughout the community. The Passage program serves seven middle schools reaching more than 1,400 students annually. Five middle schools served by the City of Sacramento and two middle schools served by Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center. Attachment 2 provides the City Council with the tentative expansion plans by district. Funding for high school programs may be available in Spring 2007. Staff will continue to partner to the school districts if funding becomes available.

ATTACHMENT 2

List of Existing and Proposed Elementary School Prop. 49 Sites

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed Expansions</u>
Del Paso Unified	2	Still Negotiating
Elk Grove Unified	6	2
Grant Unified	No Elementary Schools	
Natomas Unified	2	2
North Sacramento Unified	2	Still Negotiating
Rio Linda Unified	6	1
Robla Unified	0	5
Sacramento City Unified	24	15

ATTACHMENT 3

List of Existing and Proposed Middle School Prop. 49 Sites

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed Expansions</u>
Del Paso Unified	No Middle Schools	
Elk Grove Unified	Meeting Scheduled	
Grant Unified	0	0
Natomas Unified	0	2
North Sacramento Unified	No middle school location to provide programming for 7 th grade students; students are bussed to and from campus	0
Rio Linda Unified	Meeting Scheduled	
Robla Unified	No Middle Schools	
Sacramento City Unified	5	3