



CITY OF CARSON

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Report to Mayor and City Council

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Discussion

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE 2017 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

During the April 18, 2017, City Council meeting the Mayor expressed his desire to launch the Summer Youth Employment Program for 2017. Staff requests that the City Council make a recommendation as to whether or not to have the Summer Youth Employment Program this summer. Should the Council vote to proceed with the program this summer, funds are available in the 2016/17 adopted budget for 100 participants. However, due to the current budget shortfall, staff brings this before the Council for their consideration and direction.

II. RECOMMENDATION

CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction.

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III. ALTERNATIVES

1. APPROVE the City's 2017 Summer Youth Employment Program for 50 participants at a cost of \$54,631.00.
2. APPROVE the City's 2017 Summer Youth Employment Program for 100 participants at a cost of \$109,262.00

IV. BACKGROUND

The City Council has held two budget workshops and a third budget workshop is scheduled for May 16th. At the April 16th workshop City staff estimated that the FY2017-2018 General Fund deficit will be \$6.9 million. Council directed staff to propose budget reductions. It is important to note that if current revenue and expenditure trends continue as is, the City's reserve for economic uncertainties account will be exhausted in FY2019-2019. In past budget shortfalls the Summer Youth Program has been suspended. Staff is seeking direction from the Council on whether to fund the program and if so, what level of funding should be provided.

Should the City Council choose to fund the 2017 Summer Youth Program staff proposes:

Relying the same criteria that were followed in previous years:

- Carson residents only
- Age 16-17 on July 1, 2017
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- TB test required only for those working with youth
- Maximum of 100 hours
- Applications will not be accepted after the total applications received equals 120% of the available positions.

Staff is proposing having some of the participants begin in June and the others in July. Those starting in July will still have time to work their hours before school starts August. For the park staff, the result is better distribution of labor through the busy summer season. Starting the program earlier will result in some payroll expenses occurring this fiscal year and some occurring next fiscal year. Staff is seeking direction at this time since we would need to start accepting applications for the start of the new fiscal year on July 1st.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

The City's minimum wage is \$10.77 per hour. For 50 participants at minimum wage plus a Medicare cost of \$15.62 per participant equals \$54,631.00.

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\$117,180 is available in the 2016/17 adopted budget in account no. 01-70-730-168-5004 (temp part time)

VI. EXHIBITS

None.

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