




BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: BOS 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Department No.: 011  
For Agenda Of: 12/17/2024  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Supervisor Das Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> District 

**SUBJECT: Funding for Goleta Union School District Expanded Learning Programs' Pilot Universal TK-K Care Program (Access for All) and Harding School Foundation's Garden Program**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes  
Other Concurrence: CEO Budget  
As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize a contribution of \$145,000 to the Goleta Union School District to fund a pilot universal TK-K care program at La Patera School funded by First District General County Programs Department 990 discretionary fund balance; and
- b) Approve and authorize a contribution of \$17,168.95 to the Harding School Foundation in support of the Foundation's Garden Program funded by First District General County Programs Department 990 discretionary fund balance; and
- c) Find that the above programs are necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County; and
- d) Approve and authorize Budget Journal Entry (BJE) – 0010255 to release funds held in General County Programs Committed fund balances for discretionary spending by the Board's First District Office; and
- e) Determine that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist of an organizational or administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

As part of the County's adopted budget in fiscal years 2022-23 through 2024-2025, each Supervisorial District Office was allocated discretionary funding to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community. These funding requests are to come back to the full Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda for Board approval.

This action will authorize funding of a \$145,000 contribution to the Goleta Union School District to fund the development of a pilot universal afterschool program in which all Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten (K) students at La Patera School will be automatically enrolled.

Additionally, this action will authorize a total contribution of \$17,168.95 to the Harding School Foundation in fiscal support of the Foundation's Summer Garden Program, which provides gardening lessons and activities for Harding Elementary School students over the summer.

**Background:**

Numerous academic studies have found a correlation between extended hours in school and improved outcomes for those students. One such study, "Outcomes Linked to High-Quality Afterschool Programs: Longitudinal Findings from the Study of Promising Afterschool Programs" by Deborah Lowe Vandell and Kim M. Pierce from the University of California, Irvine and Elizabeth R. Reisner from Policy Studies Associates, Inc. found that "regular participation in high-quality afterschool programs is linked to significant gains in standardized test scores and work habits as well as reductions in behavior problems among disadvantaged students."

Goleta Union School District currently offers their Expanded Learning After School Program on all nine of their elementary school sites in the District. The program is based on five learning principles, learning that is: active, collaborative, meaningful, supports mastery, and expands horizons and consists of three core learning components: academic support, social emotional learning, and enrichment programming. Currently, there are fees associated with the afterschool programming with financial aid available for families that meet the qualification standard through a registration process. Even so, Goleta Union School District does experience waiting lists for their afterschool program at all nine school sites, of various sizes. La Patera School, where the pilot universal TK-K care program will be sited, has the largest wait list for that group of students at 17 students on the wait list.

Working in collaboration with the First District Supervisor office, Goleta Union School District has developed a proposal for a pilot universal after school program where TK-K students will be automatically enrolled in an afterschool program, at no or reduced cost, and must opt out of the program, as opposed to going through a process to opt in to the program or to determine if they are eligible for free afterschool programming. The First District office is in conversations with local foundations to provide funding to expand the program in following years to determine the long-term benefits of an "opt out" versus "opt in" mechanism for after school programming. To begin the pilot program, the First District office is allocating a total of \$145,000 to the Goleta Union School District to fund the first year of the pilot program.

During conversations regarding the creation of such a universal afterschool care program, the need for additional funding for Harding University Partnership School's garden program through the school's foundation came to light, and as such, the First District Office would like to allocate a total of \$17,168.95 to support that program as well given the benefits school gardening programs in "supporting action toward the prevention of modern health problems, including food insecurity and childhood obesity, both requiring urgent global attention" (Attachment F).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** N/A

**Budgeted:** Yes, with approval of BJE 0010255.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Beginning in FY 2022-23 and in each year since, discretionary funding has been allocated to each Board district office to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community. This funding is held for each district office in fund balance in the General County Programs General Fund. At the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting, BJE # 0010211 released the FY 2024-25 discretionary spending allocation amount of \$50,000 for the first district in anticipation of any current year funding distributions. BJE # 0010255 has been prepared and is attached to this board letter requesting the release of the remaining, prior year first district fund balances held in General County Programs, totaling \$155,442. The approval of this BJE will establish sufficient appropriations to fund the costs of the contributions discussed in this board letter.

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund	\$162,168.95		\$162,168.95
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$162,168.95</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$162,168.95</b>

**Attachments:**

A – Vandall, D., Reisner, E. & Pierce, K. (2007). *Outcomes Linked to High-Quality Afterschool Programs: Longitudinal Findings from the Study of Promising Afterschool Programs*. Irvine, CA: University of California and Washington, DC: Policy Studies Associates.

B – Goleta Union School District After School Child Care Fee Structures & Financial Aid

C – Goleta Union School District After School Programs Waiting List Data

D – Goleta Union School District Funding Application for Discretionary Spending Allocated to All Districts

E – Harding School Foundation Application for Discretionary Spending Allocated to All Districts

F – Holloway et al. (2023). *School Gardening and Health and Well-Being of School-Aged Children: A Realist Synthesis. Nutrients*.

G – BJE 0010255 – Increase Appropriation for Board of Supervisors First District Discretionary Funds

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