



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

July 15, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECEIVING A GRANT AWARD OF \$7,500 FROM TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE HEROES OF POMONA SPEECH CONTEST AND AMENDING THE FY 2019-20 MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUNDS BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING THE GRANT FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-65 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA RECEIVING A GRANT OF \$7,500 (215-4190-40380-58687) FROM TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE HEROES OF POMONA SPEECH CONTEST AND AMENDING THE FY 2019-20 MISCELLANEOUS GRANT FUNDS BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING THE \$7,500 TO 215-4190-XXXXX-58687.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Receiving and appropriating the grant funding of \$7,500 from Tri-City Mental Health Services and entering into the grant agreement will provide the Community Services Division the resources to administer the 2nd annual Heroes of Pomona Speech Contest. Approval of the attached resolution will authorize receipt and appropriation (amendment of the FY 19/20 Operating Budget) of the \$7,500 grant.

FISCAL IMPACT: Amending the FY 2019-20 Miscellaneous Grants Fund budget (215-4190-XXXXX-58687) by receiving and appropriating \$7,500 in grant funds.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION: On March 18, 2019, City Council authorized the submittal of a Community Wellbeing grant application to Tri-City Mental Health Services. On August 6, 2018, City Council adopted a resolution accepting a grant award of \$8,000 from Tri-City Mental Health Services for the Heroes of Pomona Speech Contest and amending the FY 2018/19 budget by appropriating the grant amount. On March 19, 2018, City Council authorized the submittal of a Community Wellbeing grant application to Tri-City Mental Health Services.

BACKGROUND

In FY 2018-19, City of Pomona received grant funding in the amount of \$8,000 from Tri-City Mental Health Services to develop and administer the Heroes of Pomona Speech Contest. The project was designed to improve the wellbeing of After School participants, improve communication and public speaking skills, and recognize Pomona as a vibrant, safe and beautiful city.

The goals of the grant were to help communities build their own capacity and strengthen the wellbeing of their community. To achieve this goal, Community Services implemented the first-ever youth speech contest. The After School Recreation Program encouraged 170 participants to enroll in speech activities emphasizing self-confidence, essay writing, and communication skills. Participants were divided into three grade level divisions (elementary, middle school, and high school). A total of 24 participants competed in the regional site competitions and 14 participants advanced to the citywide final competition. Speech contestants delivered a 3-5 minute speech about their Pomona Hero who made a positive and significant impact in his or her life and/or their community. Participants who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their grade-level category received a cash scholarship prize.

DISCUSSION

For FY 2019-20, Community Services applied for grant funding to administer and expand the Heroes of Pomona Speech Contest. Tri-City Mental Health Services awarded Community Services \$7,500 to administer a second year of the project. Project goals are to increase enrollment to at least 200 participants and include youth leadership opportunities for returning participants. Again, the project will be offered at 13 City-run After School Recreation Program locations with activities emphasizing self-confidence, essay writing, and public speaking skills. Participants will be divided into three grade level divisions (elementary, middle school, and high school) and deliver a 3-5 minute speech. Site competitions will award winners in each division a cash prize of \$25 and will be invited to present their speech in a culminating City event where they will have the opportunity to win a college scholarship valued at up to \$1,000.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 2019-65