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DATE: May 7, 2024 (Item No. 20)

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel Little, Director, Social Services Agency

SUBJECT: Summer Camps and Enrichment Activities Progress Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report from the Social Services Agency, Department of Family and Children's Services, relating to the Summer Camps and Enrichment Activities program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no negative impact to the County General Fund.

CONTRACT HISTORY

On May 3, 2018, the County of Santa Clara's (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) approved Inventory Item No. 47, Summer Camps and Enrichment Activities program (SCEA). The Inventory Item was assigned to the Social Services Agency (SSA) on May 30, 2018. SCEA was activated on July 16, 2018, with the Kinship, Adoptive, and Foster Parent Association (KAFPA) and the City of San Jose (City).

SSA executed an SCEA agreement with KAFPA on July 16, 2018, for \$100,000. The KAFPA contract included 10 types of camps. Scholarship and enrichment activities were also incorporated as part of the efforts to provide resources during the summer months.

Underutilized budgets in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 were rolled over and used to supplement funding for SCEA programs during FY 2019-20.

SSA executed an SCEA agreement with the City on August 30, 2018, for \$250,000. The agreement incorporated 13 different types of summer camps. The City's contract also included scholarships for enrichment activities.

The SCEA agreements funded through Inventory Item No. 47 ended on September 30, 2019.

On February 25, 2020, the Board approved \$1,009,350 for SCEA programming through September 30, 2022 (Item No. 21).

On February 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the SCEA Contract with KAFPA in the amount of \$420,000 for the period March 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

On August 15, 2023, the Board approved the retroactive first amendment of the SCEA contract with KAFPA in the amount of \$596,600 with no change to the term of the agreement. Retroactivity was requested to reflect the increase in funding to allow KAFPA to cover more children on the wait list for camps and enrichment activities for Summer 2023.

On December 12, 2023, the Board approved the second amendment of the SCEA contract with KAFPA in the amount of \$1,029,200 and extending the contract through December 31, 2024.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND

The SCEA program aims to remove barriers for foster and low-income youth in Santa Clara County from participating in summer activities by providing eligible families with scholarships. Offering this program to the community meets the County's Department of Family and Children's Services' (DFCS) mission to promote "healthy growth and strengthen families."

On October 23, 2023, the Children, Seniors, and Families Committee (CSFC) was provided updates on outreach, marketing and implementation of the 2023 SCEA program as requested by Supervisor Chavez (Item No. 9). This report is to provide an update on the marketing and outreach for the 2024 SCEA program.

During the 2024 SCEA program, DFCS will prioritize the following:

- Priority 1: All adjudicated foster children/youth, adoption/post-adoption and kinship children/youth, Non-Minor Dependents (NMD) and Dually Involved Youth (DIY).
- Priority 2: All children/youth served by DFCS with open cases and/or referred to the Differential Response Program.
- Priority 3: Low-income children/youth residing in high-risk zip codes and will be capped at 15% of total referrals.

The SCEA program is limited to two activities/camps per youth. The scholarships average around \$800 to \$900 for foster, adoptive, and kinship youth, and \$600 for low-income youth. The Boys and Girl Club is funded at \$1,300 per youth, which covers the entire summer (seven weeks). The limit for scholarships per youth is necessary to prevent requests for summer camps that could cost upward of \$1,400 per week.

Outreach and Marketing for 2024

In March of 2024, KAFPA and DFCS finalized the SCEA flier in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. KAFPA contacted all SCEA partner providers requesting updated information about their programs for 2024. Email notifications of the 2024 SCEA program were sent to the following organizations: County-approved resource parents, Foster Family Agencies, KAFPA members (including kinship, guardianship and adoptive families), DFCS staff, Child Advocates of Silicon Valley (CASA), Dependency Advocacy Center (parents' attorneys and parent mentors), Legal Advocates for Children and Youth (LACY) (children's attorneys and social workers), Parent Advocate of Alum Rock Counseling Center, Domestic Violence CALWORK Children Services, the HUB, Catholic Charities, Bill Wilson Center, Fly Program Justice Involved Youth, Sacred Heart, Health Navigator, Health Center, Resource

Advocate Support Services (RASS), Emergency Interim Housing, Santa Clara County Education Services Unit, Probation Division, and wraparound providers. The email notification included links to sites such as InPlay, Activity Hero and Active Kids, where parents and caregivers can search camps by area and topic of interest. Email recipients were reminded of the importance of registering foster, adoptive, and kinship children/youth and children/youth receiving DFCS services early to ensure priority participation.

On March 2, 2024, KAFPA and DFCS held a Summer Camp Resource Fair at the Julian Campus for families to learn about and pre-register for summer camps. There were 40 (foster, adoptive, kinship, and low-income) families who attended the event. Fourteen organizations participated in sharing information pertaining to their specific camps, including: Cucina Bambini, iD Tech Camps, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley, Maker Nexus, Orchard Valley Youth Soccer League, Royal Family KIDS Camp/For The Children Central Coast, San Jose Museum of Art, New Beginnings Family Services, Culturally Coordinated Services, City of San Jose, Rumble City Boxing, OVY Camp, and Muindi Foundation.

During the month of April 2024, a presentation about the SCEA program was provided during the DFCS All Staff meeting. Announcements and email reminders will continue to be shared with DFCS staff, resource parents and other partners on a regular basis. Registration opened on March 13, 2024, for foster, adoptive, and kinship children/youth and those receiving DFCS services. In an effort to maximize the monies allocated, DFCS will open this program up to children, youth and families who meet qualifications for low-income admission on April 24, 2024. DFCS will partner with KAFPA to monitor the allocation to allow for prioritization of children who have open cases and/or receiving services from DFCS. This ensures that all children/youth that have been registered are able to participate based on priority level and available funding.

KAFPA's partnership with the Boys and Girls Club allows KAFPA to offer pre-registration for their 2024 summer program, which families were notified of on January 20, 2024 and, as of February 2024, there have been 15 applications for 26 youth. Additionally, KAFPA has been working with multiple day and overnight camps who are reserving slots and offering free camps for KAFPA: Royal Family Kids Camp, Signs of Hope Camp, Mount Hermon, Mission Springs/Frontier Ranch. The following organizations are offering lower costs for their camps: Optimist Volunteers for Youth (OVY) Camp for \$25 per week, San Jose Earthquakes fifty percent off, and Maker Nexus a ten percent discount for their camp. Outreach efforts were made to the San Jose Giants and Stanford for their summer programs. However, they have outsourced their summer programs to independent organizations who are limited with providing discounted programs.

Efforts were made to identify summer camps available for older youth including 12 organizations offering Counselor in Training and Leaders in Training programs for youth 12 years old and older. Additionally, the Bay Area Glass Institute, Camp Captivate, Camp Galileo, Camp Imagineerz, Camp Integem, Deer Hollow Farm, Destination Science, Hidden Villa Camp, and Walden West Summer Camps offer camps specific to teenagers. The City of San Jose's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services is also offering a Summer Teen Leadership Camp, which includes a Teen Center, gym, and opportunities to participate in

activities such as producing their own music in a professional studio and a photography course. The above-mentioned summer camps partially reflect camps available as our partnership for various camps spans across Santa Clara County. Families are able to access quick-response (QR) codes to identify camps of interest and processes are in place to ensure access to camps across the County.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have a positive impact on children and youth through the **Healthy Lifestyles** and **Every Child Successful in Life** indicators by providing access to prosocial activities and enrichment activities that would promote learning retention during the summer.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

CSFC would not receive the updated information regarding the Summer Camps and Enrichment Activities program.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board will follow the usual process for this type of legislative file.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Summer Camps Presentation