



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Approval of a Service Agreement with Merced County to Administer the Youth Jobs Program Using American Rescue Plan Act Funding in the Amount of \$1,175,000 From July 1, 2024, to December 30, 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers approving a Service Agreement with Merced County to administer the Youth Jobs Program Using American Rescue Plan Act Funding in the Amount of \$1,175,000 from July 1, 2024, to December 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion:

- A. Approving the Service Agreement with Merced County to administer the Youth Jobs Program in the amount of \$1,175,000 from July 1, 2024, to December 30, 2025; and,
- B. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents; and,
- C. Authorizing the Finance Officer to make the necessary budget adjustments.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommend by Staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by Staff; or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to Staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
5. Continue to a future meeting.

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200; City Council Action of May 1, 2023 - American Rescue Plan Act Approved Additional Allocation for Job Training Program

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the FY 2023/2024 Adopted Budget; Merced Unity Project: Youth Job Training & Regional Economic Development Planning

DISCUSSION

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), City Council designated \$1,025,000 of ARPA funding for a youth job program at the January 18, 2022, meeting. Staff collaborated with Merced

County Department of Workforce Investment to develop a scope of service for the youth job program and a Professional Service Agreement was brought forth to City Council for approval at the April 18, 2022, meeting. This agreement was for two years, utilizing \$525,000 in the first year and \$500,000 in the second year, and expires June 30, 2024. Merced County Workforce Investment staff have submitted a preliminary report on the success of this program (see Attachment 1).

At the May 1, 2023, city council meeting, staff gave a presentation to city council asking for a recommendation on reallocating remaining ARPA funds. At this meeting, Council allocated another \$1,175,000 to the youth job program.

Merced County Department of Workforce Investment and City staff have again collaborated to develop a scope of service that incorporates services from Bay Valley Tech. Staff is requesting approval of a Services Agreement to continue the youth job training program from July 1, 2024, to December 30, 2025 (see Attachment 2).

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

ARPA funding in the amount of \$1,175,000 is available in account GR223024 20114000-511301.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Merced County Workforce Investment Preliminary Report
2. Merced County Workforce Services Agreement
3. Merced County Agreement for Professional Services (original)