

To: Members
Dunwoody City Council

From: J. Jay Vinicki
City Manager

Re: American Rescue Plan – Grant for After School Programs – Summer 2022

Date: May 9, 2022

Action

Authorization for the mayor, city manager, or designee of same to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to award Corners Outreach a grant of up to \$200,000 in FY 2022 for subsidization of summer school programs using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding inclusive of moving \$200,000 from the ARP 1 contingency.

Summary

The city released a competitive grant award request for proposal for summer school programs using ARP funding. Only one application was received. It was from Corners Outreach who had received funding under the city's CARES 2 funding. Having only one applicant allowed the city to directly negotiate with applicant under procurement guidelines.

Corners Outreach's original proposal was for \$196,000 which was for the funding of staff, equipment, and vehicles over the summer for a five day a week, eight week program of up to 250 students hosted at the Dunwoody Corners Academy Center and Peachtree Middle School collectively. City staff suggested a modification to this proposal which Corners Outreach has accepted in principle. The changes are below:

- The original application was for \$196,000 for 250 students equating to \$784 per child. Current program enrollment is 175 students.
- Instead of granting funding for contracting with teachers, purchasing equipment, etc., the city would front an amount for vouchers for the same number of current students. So, $\$784 * 175 = \$137,200$. This amount will be granted to Corners Outreach upfront.
- Corners will get an additional \$784 per student above 175 at the end of the program up to \$200,000 in total. In reverse, for every number below 175 students, Corners would have to pay the city back the advanced funding.
- Eligibility will be any Dunwoody resident enrolled in school and neighboring cities children whose family are a certain percentage of poverty in terms of family income (number and method of calculating to be determined).
- This arrangement puts some risk on Corners (as they have to enroll that many students or will have to pay back money) and may not work for similar programs; but if successful, the city might can expand this to partners of the city.

Staff does ask for indulgence in approving authorization at the May 9, 2022, meeting on its first appearance before City Council as drafting the contract and working out the details needs to occur in advance of the May 31 start date.

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