

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (PARCS) DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR ONE YEAR WITH THE OPTION OF ONE, ONE-YEAR EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FUNDED BY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND THE GENERAL FUND TO AID IN THE COVID-19 RECOVERY EFFORT

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of Fresno (City) was awarded American Rescue Plan Act funding in the amount of \$170,808,029. Of this funding, \$950,000 was identified as a resource to provide grant funding to local Community Based Organizations (CBOs) for projects that aid in the recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the Mayor's Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (VIPI) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Council appropriated an additional \$550,000 in general funding to be allocated through the VIPI Grant Solicitation Process; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive grant solicitation process, 18 proposals were received, totaling \$5,640,898. All proposals were vetted for eligibility based on the content of each agency's proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Parks, After School Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Director is now recommending Community Based Organizations for an award of General Fund and ARPA funding totaling \$1,500,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council of the City of Fresno authorizes the PARCS Director or their designee to enter into agreements with the Community Based Organizations awarded ARPA funds and General Funding for programs and services identified in the proposals as follows:

a. **Boys and Girls Clubs of Fresno County** in the amount of \$165,000.

This agreement will fund four programs designed for approximately 360 at-risk youth including: the Phoenix Program for elementary through high school age youth which builds emotional intelligence and gang resistance skills; the Keystone Club which is a small group leadership program for youth ages 14-18; the Junior Staff internship program which provides workforce development and paid internships for youth; and, Triple Play which includes sports activities that build a sense of belonging among at-risk youth.

b. **Every Neighborhood Partnership** in the amount of \$75,000. This agreement will provide funding towards the expansion of the Recreational Resilience Saturday Sports program to 4 additional locations to reach approximately 160 additional youth. Police officers will be invited to programming to connect with youth and families. Community Equipping services offered as part of the Saturday Sports programming will assist youth in recovery from violence to obtain mental health supports, licensed trauma-informed therapeutic services, and other supports to meet their most urgent needs.

c. **Focus Forward** in the amount of \$50,000 for the Pipeline to Opportunity Program. The P2O Program will connect at least 20 justice-involved youth residing in the City of Fresno to higher education opportunities. The P2O Program offers a seamless pipeline from Juvenile Justice Systems to Higher

Education by establishing a system whereby youth enroll in Fresno City College courses through the dual enrollment program at Alice Worsley while incarcerated and are then capable of earning high school and college credits concurrently. The P2O program then continues to bridge services when youth have exited the juvenile justice campus and provides regular college enrollment, educational counseling, barrier removal, and mentoring services to ensure retention and overall collegiate success.

d. **Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, Advance Peace** in the amount of \$375,000. This agreement will fund street level intervention services to a minimum of 60 youth to interrupt the cycle of retaliatory violence. The Advance Peace Program will also include a Junior Fellows program, which will reach approximately 25 at-risk youth ages 8-18 with violence prevention services. Junior Fellows will participate in an 18-month program designed to provide wrap-around supports to disrupt the cycle of violence. Supports include intergenerational mentoring, career exploration, educational opportunities and identifying Junior Fellows goals/interests as part of creating an action plan/road map for their life.

e. **Fresno Police Activities League (PAL)** in the amount of \$75,000. This agreement will enable Fresno PAL to expand youth mentorship, increasing program capacity across multiple programs and enabling a new PAL Leadership Program at Yosemite Middle School. As a result of this funding violence prevention services will be expanded at the Hinton Center and Romain Park Gym to serve approximately 41 additional youth through boxing and mentorship programming. The PAL Leadership program will reach 35 youth at Gaston Middle School and 45

youth at Yosemite Middle School, including a trip to the Tolerance Museum in LA. The PAL Fightgirl Fitness Program will expand programming by 40 additional youth.

f. **HandsOn Central California** as a fiscal agent for **Fresno Street Saints** in the amount of \$75,000. This agreement will enable Street Saints to provide educational enrichment programming for approximately 200 youth at Sunset Community Center, Bigby Villa Apartment Complex, MLK Square Apartment Complex, and West Gate Garden Apartments. It will also fund community liaison mentoring and safe passage services at six schools including: Gaston Middle School, Tehipite Middle School, Scandinavian Middle School, Fresno High School, Roosevelt High School and Edison High School. Approximately 60 middle school youth and 50 high school youth will receive liaison and mentoring services. This funding will enable a 60% increase in the number of youth that will be served.

g. **Hope Now for Youth** in the amount of \$130,000. This agreement will provide violence prevention through evidence-based workforce development and job placement to 40 additional young men with a history of gang involvement and/or incarceration. Funding will also be used to launch a social enterprise concession truck which will be used for job training. The social enterprise model will allow Hope Now's case managers to continue mentoring and training clients on their character and soft skills in a supervised environment.

h. **Live Again Fresno** in the amount of \$150,000. This agreement will provide violence prevention services to approximately 800 individuals through the Resource Referral Program and outreach barbeques, provide after school & mentorship programming to an additional 125 youth, increase the reach of the Mobile Meal Service program by 100 individuals, and provide discovery trips for

approximately 75 individuals. Services will focus on the neighborhood located in the 93728-zip code.

i. **Resiliency Center** in the amount of \$50,000. This agreement will enable the Resiliency Center of Fresno a licensed mental health clinic to offer trauma informed case management and clinical counseling services using an evidence-based approach. Funding will be used to ensure Community Based Organizations selected in this RFP have immediate and unhindered access to mental health care for their clients, trauma informed training for each organization and clinically supported self-care to include critical incident debriefings for partners exposed to a traumatic scene This grant will enable the Resiliency Center to make over 1,000 hours of mental health services available to violence impacted individuals.

j. **Take a Stand Committee** in the amount of \$50,000. This agreement will enable the Take a Stand Committee to host a Teen Summit event for approximately 500 at-risk youth and implement programming for approximately 20 violence impacted mothers called "A Mother's Cry." The Teen Summit programming will address teen public health issues that were exacerbated by the pandemic including substance abuse, gang violence, peer pressure and mental health. A Mother's Cry provides support for Mothers impacted by gun violence in a group setting.

k. **Trauma Research and Education Foundation of Fresno** in the amount of \$130,000. This agreement will enable expansion of hospital-based violence intervention services at Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC) to serve an additional 45 patients ages 12-40 arriving at CRMC with injuries resulting

from violence, or individuals identified to be at-risk for violence. Patients will be referred to Violence Intervention Specialists who will devise a service plan to reduce risk factors for violence recidivism and work with patients to implement the plan. Funding will enable extended hours for Specialist's services and provide group therapeutic interventions led by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for families impacted by violence. This program will further build capacity of Violence Intervention Specialists in Fresno.

l. **West Fresno Health Care Coalition dba West Fresno Family Resource Center** (lead collaborative partner) in the total amount of \$150,000. This agreement will enable Phase two of the "Sweet Potato" project (\$67,800) which will develop a youth-led business plan to enable youth to launch a self-sustaining sweet potato social enterprise, and fund "Food for Thought" parent programming (\$82,200) reaching approximately 60 parents.

m. **Integral Community Solutions Institute** in the amount of \$25,000. Dr. Juan Carlos Gonzalez of the Integral Community Solutions Institute will provide evaluation services for the Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative.

2. All agreements and any amendments authorized hereunder shall be reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office prior to execution by the PARCS Director or designee.

3. Agreements must be amended by mutual agreement of the parties but may be administratively amended by the City of Fresno PARCS Director to increase funding within the scope authorized herein and/or exercise the option for one, one-year extension not to extend beyond December 31, 2024.

4. If any of the proposals set forth under Section 1 above require an

environmental assessment or finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City Manager or their designee shall complete the applicable review pursuant to CEQA and bring the agreement before Council for further review and adoption.

5. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2022.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RINA M. GONZALES
Interim City Attorney

By: _____
Taylor W. Rhoan Date
Deputy City Attorney