

RESOLUTION NO. 141-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
APPROVING GRANT AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RICHMOND FUND
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH (RFCY) OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2025-
2027 TO 37 YOUTH-SERVING PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN A TOTAL
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,734,835 ANNUALLY; APPROPRIATE A TOTAL OF
\$4,000,000 FROM THE RFCY FUND BALANCE INTO THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-25
BUDGET AND FUTURE FY BUDGETS TO COVER ALL RFCY GRANT AWARDS
THROUGH THE THREE-YEAR GRANT CYCLE; ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ALL
GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO CITY OF RICHMOND DEPARTMENTS UP TO THE
AMOUNTS AWARDED PER CALENDAR YEAR; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER,
OR THEIR DESIGNEE, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE GRANT SERVICE
AGREEMENTS WITH APPROVED GRANTEEES**

WHEREAS, On June 5, 2018, Richmond voters approved Measures E and K, known as the Richmond Kids First Initiative, which approved a City of Richmond Charter Amendment (Article 15); and

WHEREAS, the Charter Amendment required (1) the creation of a Department of Children and Youth (Department), (2) provided for increased and dedicated funding for youth programs and services through the establishment of the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth (Fund), (3) established a 15-member Oversight Board to oversee the Fund, and (4) required the development of a community needs assessment that would inform a three-year Strategic Investment Plan which will guide a “fair and open” grant-making process; and

WHEREAS, the Department facilitates the allocation of funds for youth-serving organizations by administering an open and fair application process that is in compliance with the policies adopted by the Oversight Board; and

WHEREAS, the Oversight Board is responsible for overseeing the annual grant-making process of the Fund, monitoring the Department to ensure it operates in the best interests of the community, developing a Strategic Investment Plan every three (3) years, and facilitating an annual evaluation of the Fund and funded programs; and

WHEREAS, the Oversight Board helps guide funding for youth-serving organizations by developing policies, monitoring, and ensuring that the Fund is managed in a manner accountable to the community; and

WHEREAS, Article 15 Section 2 of the City of Richmond Charter requires the Fund be maintained separate and apart from all other City funds and shall be appropriated annually at the time of the City’s budget adoption; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond is required to set aside a portion of the annual actual unrestricted general purpose revenues of the City to be transferred in the amounts specified below:

- For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and each fiscal year thereafter through Fiscal Year 2027-2028, set aside for the Fund is an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the City’s annual actual unrestricted general purpose revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Community Needs Assessment provided an overview of current data and findings related to children, youth, and their families in Richmond; and Core Needs were identified by synthesizing these data sources and surfacing issues that were raised across multiple groups and subgroups and within the framework of the legislation informing the Richmond Kids First Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Core Needs are:

1. Mental & Behavioral Health Needs
2. Physical Health & Access
3. Learning Needs
4. Safety, Community, & Belonging Needs
5. Connective & Supportive Services

WHEREAS, the Strategic Investment Plan builds on the Core Needs identified through the Community Needs Assessment and guides the Department’s grant cycle between Calendar Years 2025 and 2027; and

WHEREAS, the cycle of grant funding for Calendar Years 2025-2027 (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027) is estimated to total approximately \$6.37 million annually; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2024, the Oversight Board approved the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), and the City Council acknowledged receipt of the SIP at its regular meeting held on October 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the eligible organizations were required to have 501(c)(3) tax status and provide services to Richmond and/or North Richmond residents; and

WHEREAS, the application for this grant cycle of funding was released on September 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, applications were due on October 6, 2024, and ninety-two (92) applications were submitted totaling approximately \$19 million in funding requests annually; and

WHEREAS, after review by City staff for completeness, eighty (80) applications were forwarded for review and scoring by the Oversight Board Grant Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Oversight Board recommends to the City Council that grants be awarded to the following thirty-seven (37) programs, for a total award amount not to exceed \$6,734,835 annually; and

Core Need 1	Organization	Recommended Award Amount
	Desarrollo Familiar* S	\$200,000
	City of Richmond, Office of Neighborhood Safety* C	\$300,000
	Greater Richmond Interfaith Program* C	\$300,000
	Child Abuse Prevention Council S	\$51,200
	West Contra Costa Unified School District* C	\$300,000
	Contra Costa Family Justice Alliance* S	\$200,000
	Mindful Life Project* S	\$150,000
	Latina Center* C	\$200,000
	Bay Area Community Resources S	\$200,000
	Black Neighborhood* E	\$60,000
	Bay Area Girls Club* E	\$50,000
	TOTAL	\$2,011,200

Core Need 2	Organization	Recommended Award Amount
	YES Nature to Neighborhoods* S	\$199,974
	Pogo Park* S	\$200,000
	Summer Search* S	\$50,000
	Richmond Outdoors Coalition* C	\$300,000
	Growing Together, Bay Area S	\$190,840
	Project Avary S	\$200,000
	18 Reasons S	\$200,000
	Richmond Steelers* E	\$80,000
TOTAL	\$1,420,814	

Core Need 3	Organization	Recommended Award Amount
	Hidden Genius Project * S	\$200,000
	RYSE * S	\$200,000
	Richmond Library* S	\$200,000
	Richmond Freedom School (Ed Fund)* S	\$200,000
	Watershed Project (NGSS) * S	\$125,000
	Fresh Approach S	\$200,000
	City of Richmond, Recreation Dept * S	\$300,000
	City of Richmond, Employment & Training * C	\$300,000
	Practice Space * S	\$200,000
	Things That Creep * E	\$100,000
	Richmond Promise * C	\$218,475
	TOTAL	\$2,243,475

Core Need 4	Organization	Recommended Award Amount
	Richmond High School Music Department* C	\$300,000
	East Bay Center for the Performing Arts* C	\$300,000
	Summer Search* S	\$173,000
	Fresh Lifelines for Youth* S	\$101,790
	Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bay Area S	\$60,000
	Nurturing Independence Through Artistic Development (NIAD)* S	\$58,556
	Touch of New Life* E	\$66,000
TOTAL	\$1,059,346	

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council authorizes City Manager’s staff to negotiate and enter into grant service agreements with the recipient organizations and to provide oversight to assure that deliverables are met and that activities and expenses are consistent with the intent of each agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Richmond, California, adopts the resolution to approve grant award recommendations from the Richmond Fund for Children & Youth (RFCY) Oversight Board for Calendar Years 2025-2027 to 37 youth-serving public and nonprofit organizations in a total amount not to exceed \$6,734,835 annually; appropriate a total of \$4,000,000 from the RFCY Fund Balance into the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 budget and future FY budgets to cover all RFCY grant awards through the three-year grant cycle; accept and appropriate all grant funds awarded to City of Richmond departments up to the amounts awarded per calendar year; and authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to negotiate and execute grant service agreements with approved grantees.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on December 3, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, McLaughlin, Robinson, Willis, Zepeda, and Vice Mayor Jimenez.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: Mayor Martinez.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

EDUARDO MARTINEZ

Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE

City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 141-24**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on December 3, 2024.


Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond