

RESOLUTION NO. 16-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE GRANT
SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED
GRANT AWARDS FROM THE FY 2026-2027 RICHMOND FUND FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUTH OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE
MILLION TWO-HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE
DOLLARS (\$1,217,161)**

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*

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 2025 and 2028; and

WHEREAS, the cycle of grant funding for Fiscal Years 2025-2028 (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027) is estimated to total approximately \$6.37 million annually; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2020, the Oversight Board (Board) approved the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), and the City Council subsequently approved the SIP at its regular meeting held on December 15, 2020; 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 February 16, 2023, 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 Board recommend the City Council approve awards to 37 programs, for a total award amount not to exceed \$6,370,000; and

WHEREAS, the department has received an additional allocation of 1,500,000 per fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, per the charter the department needs to allocate \$1,250,000 per year in grants from the additional allocation; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, the Oversight Board for the Richmond Fund for Children and Youth met and recommended eight (8) additional grants be awarded totaling \$1,217,161 annually for the following organizations; and

Core Need 1	Organization	Recommended Award Amount
	Richmond Community Foundation	\$195,915
	Seneca Family of Agencies	\$200,000
	TOTAL	\$395,915

Core Need 2	Organization	Recommended Award Amount
	Rosie the Riveter Trust	\$167,976
	West County Mandarin School	\$83,270
	TOTAL	\$251,246

Core Need 3	Organization	Recommended Award Amount
	Aspire Education	\$90,000
	Oakland Technology & Education Center	\$80,000
	TOTAL	\$170,000

Core Need 4	Organization	Recommended Award Amount
	West County Salesian Youth Club	\$200,000
	Hope Solutions	\$200,000
	TOTAL	\$400,000

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 allocate FY 2026-2028 Richmond Fund for Children and Youth (Kids First) funds to the grantees in the amounts specified above, and authorizes the City Manager’s Office to negotiate and execute grant service agreements with award recipients.

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 February 17, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, Brown, Jimenez, Wilson, Zepeda, Vice Mayor Robinson, and Mayor Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

Approved: (SEAL)

EDUARDO MARTINEZ
Mayor

Approved as to form:

SHANNON MOORE
Interim 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. 16-26**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on February 17, 2026.


Pamela Christian
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond