

STAFF REPORT

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Date: September 13, 2022

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Sonya Patterson, Director of Parks, Arts, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: **21st Century and After School Education and Safety Program: A.S.E.S**

Recommendation:

- a. Approve the City operation of A.S.E.S after-school programming at nine school sites.
- b. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all contracts and associated documents, including partnership agreement, subject to City Attorney approval.

Fiscal Impact:

The program is budgeted in FY23 Budget expenditure account 101-3409-200. The Lancaster School District will reimburse the City for program expenses in the amount of \$742,492.95, utilizing California Department of Education A.S.E.S. Grant funds.

Background:

In a collaborative effort with the Lancaster School District, the After School Education and Safety Program (A.S.E.S) is a cooperative after-school program developed by the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster School District. The A.S.E.S. program is held at nine area schools: Discovery, Desert View, Jack Northrop, Lincoln, Linda Verde, Mariposa, Monte Vista, New Vista, and Sunnysdale. The program offers an extensive menu of enrichment activities that promote academic, physical, and social development.

Over the last two decades, a tremendous amount of research highlights the need for and benefits of after-school programming for youth and identifies the key elements of effective youth development. As such, in partnership with the Lancaster School District the evolution and implementation of the A.S.E.S. Program supports the efforts of the City and schools ensuring we provide relevant activities and programming to meet the community's needs.

The City has recruited, staffed, and operated the A.S.E.S. program for over 20 years with a successful performance history. Through this time, we have provided in a joint effort, a safe and supportive social and emotional environment for all participants. Consequently, promoting a

growth mindset and engaging in thought-provoking hands-on enrichment activities—building confidence and skills.

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