



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Marcia Hayes-Harris, Program Committee Member **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

DATE: September 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Approve FY25 Out-of-School Time Funding Awards from the Community Children’s Services Fund

BACKGROUND

At the February 15, 2024, Board Meeting, Trustees approved a total of \$750,000 to be allocated from the Community Children’s Services Fund (CCSF) in FY25 to fund Out-of-School Time (OST) programming. At the May 16, 2024, Board Meeting, Trustees approved continuation funding for eight out-of-school programs. Based on project performance reports received at the close of FY24, one project will not move forward with a second year of funding. As a result, of the \$750,000 approved for Out-of-School Time use, \$416,006 has been allocated to continue seven projects. The remaining \$333,994 is available to support new projects and enrichment activities in FY25.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PROCESS

Children’s Services Project Director Denise Carter led the development and implementation of the RFP process for a one-year funding period FY25 (2024 – 2025 school year). The Out-of-School Time (OST) Funding will support organizations addressing the social/emotional development of children, youth, and their families through high quality prevention and youth development programs conducted when children and youth are not in school.

Staff conducted outreach to charter schools, youth development organizations, current CCSF Funded Partners, area enrichment programs, and community groups. Thirty-five applications were submitted, which is the largest number of out-of-school time applications received in one application cycle. A review process was conducted with 15 Community Reviewers and three MHB Program Staff. Due to the timing of the FY25 application, the fact that the MHB Board does not meet in July, and that most schools begin the school year in the last two weeks of August, the short turnaround time did not allow for a review and selection process to be conducted that included Trustees as proposal reviewers, in addition to the Community Reviewers and MHB staff.

Based upon the review process, up to six of the 35 applications submitted are being recommended for funding at an estimated \$330,076. Please note that funding amounts for individual awards may change during the contracting process but will not exceed the maximum available funding. The list of recommended programs may be found as an attachment to the Resolution. Organizations approved for funding will be contracted from October 2024 – June 2025 to provide OST services in FY25. Organizations approved for summer programming funding will be contracted from October 2024 – August 2025.

CITY OF SAINT LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
A FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUND
FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMMING

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis, Missouri has levied taxes pursuant to the laws of the State of Missouri Sections 210.860 - 210.861 RSMO (2005 and 2020) to fund the Community Children's Services Fund (CCSF); and

WHEREAS, this Board is desirous to implement its responsibilities to ensure the provision of high-quality behavioral health, prevention, and early identification/intervention services for children and youth residing in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, the Board has invested more than \$14.8 million in quality afterschool programming since the first Community Children's Services Fund grants were made in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Board's current strategic plan and theory of change identify participation in high quality prevention and youth development programs as critical to the social emotional development of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, at its May 16, 2024, meeting Trustees approved funding to support seven continuing out-of-school programs in the amount of \$416,006, from the \$750,000 FY25 appropriation from the Community Children's Services Fund approved by Trustees at their February 15, 2024, meeting. The remaining FY25 for Out-of-School Time allocation from the Community Children's Services Fund totaling \$333,994 will fund approximately six additional programs and enrichment activities should the recommended projects receive approval for funding awards at the September 19, 2024, meeting. In total, all Out-of-School Time funding awards approved in May 2024 and September 2024 will support a total of 1,158 children and youth in FY25.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Trustees direct the Board Chair and Executive Director to enter into contracts with approved community-based organizations to provide out-of-school time services up to the recommended amounts listed on the attachment to this resolution, not to exceed a total of \$333,994.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

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| Board Chair/Officer Name (printed): | Signature: |
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ATTEST:

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| Board Officer Name (printed): | Signature: |
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CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FY25 Community Children's Services Fund
Out-of-School Time Funding Recommendations

| Contract # | Organization | Project | FY25 Year 2 Funding Awards Approved May 2024 | FY25 Contracted Budget July 2024 |
|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 23-049 | St. Cecilia School and Academy | St. Cecilia School and Academy Aftercare Program | \$ 57,145 | \$ 57,145 |
| 23-051 | River Roads Lutheran School | Exploration Destination Afterschool Program | \$ 41,560 | \$ 41,560 |
| 24-024 | Circus Harmony | Showcase and Teacher Training | \$ 41,560 | \$ 41,560 |
| 24-025 | Gene Slay's Girls and Boys Club | Trauma Informed Out of School Time | \$ 72,730 | \$ 72,730 |
| 24-026 | Northside Youth And Senior Service Center | Y-Space | \$ 72,273 | \$ 72,273 |
| 24-027 | St. Francis Community Services | Bilingual Youth Program | \$ 72,730 | \$ 72,730 |
| 24-028 | The Oxygen Project: Yoga for Youth | Empowering Youth Through Yoga & Mindfulness | \$ 36,365 | \$ - |
| 24-029 | Unleashing Potential | St. Louis Expansion fo School Age Services @ Caroline Mission | \$ 58,008 | \$ 58,008 |
| 7 Existing OST Programs Awarded Year 2 Funding May 2024 | | | \$ 452,371 | \$ 416,006 |
| Total FY25 OST Funding Approved February 2024 | | | \$ 750,000 | \$ 750,000 |
| 7 OST Programs Awarded Funding May 2024/Contracted July 2024 | | | \$ (452,371) | \$ (416,006) |
| Funds Remaining for July 2024 OST RFP Process | | | \$ 297,629 | \$ 333,994 |

| Organization | Program | Type | *FY25 Funding Recommended |
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| 4 Walls and Beyond | Scholastic Superstars | Before & Afterschool, Weekends | \$ 60,000 |
| New Sunny Mount Church | Summer Youth Academy | Summer Camp | \$ 62,976 |
| Opera Theatre | Arts Education | Afterschool, Summer Camp | \$ 55,000 |
| STEM on Wheels | Mind & Tech: STEM Empowerment After School | Weekends, Summer Camp | \$ 76,290 |
| The Doctor's Touch Outreach | Music Therapy/Arts Education | Afterschool, Weekends | \$ 75,810 |
| FY25 Recommended OST Funding Awards | | | \$ 330,076 |
| Difference/Funding Available for OST Programs or Enrichment | | | \$ 3,918 |
| Optional Award if Funding is Available Based on Under-contracting | | | |
| St. Louis Association of Community Organizations | Group Piano Lessons | Afterschool, School Breaks, Summer Camps, Weekends | \$ 13,868 |

** Please note that funding amounts for individual awards may change slightly during the contracting process but will not exceed the maximum available funding.*