



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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Department: Juvenile Justice and Community Services Program

Title: Agenda Item 2023-282 Gainesville Police Activities League Mentoring Grant (B)

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Description: This is a request for the City Commission approval to accept grant provided by the National Police Athletic League to the Juvenile Justice and Community Services Program for mentoring services to at risk/high risk youth.

Fiscal Note: The overall goal of the grant is to serve 16 youth for mentoring services which will provide great opportunities for individual/group mentoring and academic achievement. The amount of this grant award is \$14,400.00 to the Gainesville Police Activities League for these services.

Explanation: Project Goals: Target youth include those who a) live in communities with high community risk factors including poverty, unemployment, violent crime, and drug/gang involvement; b) attend schools that have a high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals and have high rates of absenteeism; c) are American Indian or Alaska Native; d) have one or more parents in the military; and/or e) live in rural communities. Mentors and mentees will participate in positive mentoring activities through PAL Chapters, providing greater opportunities for individual/group mentoring and academic achievement. The performance measurements for this initiative will include increasing the participating youth's view of law enforcement, understanding the dangers of drug and gang involvement, and increasing their perception of social support

Strategic Connection:

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☐ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission authorize the City Manager or their designee to sign the National Police Athletics League grant funding on behalf of the City of Gainesville for the grant award.