REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2012

TITLE: FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 IRVINE EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Irvine Educational Partnership Fund Advisory Committee recommendation to award $502,600 to seven programs for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Irvine Educational Partnership Fund program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Council established the City of Irvine Educational Partnership Fund in January 2006. In November 2010, Irvine voters approved Measure R to continue City financial support to Irvine schools. Measure R included $500,000 per year for three fiscal years for the Educational Partnership Fund (EPF) grant program, through FY 2013-14. The City of Irvine has distributed $3,482,325 in EPF funds since 2006.

The Irvine EPF program was established to support Irvine student's academic performance through enhanced and innovative student health and guidance services for K-12 Irvine students served by the Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts. Seven applications were received for FY 2012-13 requesting $502,600. This is $2,600 more than the $500,000 annual allocation. However, a $28,287 fund balance remains from prior year allocations.

The City Council is being asked to consider approving award of $437,600 to Irvine Unified School District and Irvine Public Schools Foundation and $65,000 to Tustin Unified School District for the seven programs listed in Attachment 1.

COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Irvine Educational Partnership Fund Advisory Committee recommended funding for seven grant applications at its December 8, 2011 meeting.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Irvine City Council established the Educational Partnership Fund (EPF) Program in January 2006. The Irvine voters subsequently ratified Measure R in November 2010. Measure R approved City financial support to Irvine based schools, including $500,000 annually for the EPF Program, for three fiscal years through FY 2013-14.

City financial support of Irvine based schools was established in recognition of the funding constraints and challenges confronting Irvine schools and the continuing State budget crisis. The EPF Program's purpose is to support Irvine student's academic performance through enhanced and innovative student health and guidance services for K-12, at schools within Irvine City boundaries served by the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) and the Tustin Unified School District (TUSD). EPF program performance is monitored through submission of program reports and Educational Partnership Fund Advisory Committee school site visits.

The City Council established the Advisory Committee in June 2006. The Advisory Committee's purpose is to monitor grant allocations and deliverables, review and evaluate the structure of the EPF Program, review EPF applications, and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council. Current members include:

- Two City Councilmembers – Mayor Sukhee Kang and Mayor Pro Tem Beth Krom
- City Manager – Sean Joyce
- IUSD School Board Member – Sharon Wallin (as of January 2012)
  – Gavin Huntley-Fenner (2011)
- TUSD School Board Member – Francine Scinto
- City Staff Member – Community Services Director Brian Fisk
- Member at Large – Cynthia Kole

Since FY 2006-07, the City Council has awarded $3,482,325 in EPF grants as shown in Attachment 2. The initial EPF award was $963,917 with subsequent annual awards remaining closer to $500,000 since FY 2007-08, averaging about $503,680.

FY 2012-13 Requests

Funds are allocated to the respective school districts based on official attendance at schools located in Irvine as reported in the annual California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS). The current allocation is an even 87% for Irvine Unified School District and 13% for Tustin Unified School District, or $435,000 and $65,000, respectively.

A summary of the seven FY 2012-13 requests is included in Attachment 1. Seven applications were received by the October 27, 2011 deadline requesting $502,600. All are recommended for funding.

IUSD and Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) requests total $437,600. This includes four requests from IUSD for its *Project Success* program at its elementary, middle and high schools, plus two from IPSF for school nurses and health clerks. *Project Success* provides trained professionals to increase social and emotional support and early intervention of at-risk behaviors through counseling and other support services. The combined requests are $2,600 over IUSD's $435,000 allocation. These requests are the same as the prior year. Funds from prior year EPF reserves are available to fully fund these requests, if approved.

TUSD requested $65,000, its maximum allocation. This is $5,962 more than its FY 2011-12 request for its school nurse program, allocating additional funds for nursing staff and supply costs. TUSD expanded it nursing program and wellness monitoring and education at the four Irvine schools with EPF funds.

These programs leverage additional funds, as well. IPSF indicates that it leverages over $1 million in other funds, plus in-kind IUSD administrative services for its Health and Wellness Initiative, which includes school nurses and health clerks funded in part by EPF funds. IUSD indicates that the EPF funds leverage an additional $136,000 in other funds for its *Project Success* program. EPF funds expand nursing and wellness programs at Irvine schools in TUSD, which TUSD states enhances the work of 6 additional school nurses plus in-kind TUSD administrative services.

The Advisory Committee and staff reviewed the EPF applications that addressed: Program Need and Appropriateness, Program Workplan, Target Audience, Program Expertise, Program Budget, and Program Sustainability. The Advisory Committee recommendation is for City Council to approve grant funding for the FY 2012-13 EPF program for a total of $502,600, as listed in Attachment 1.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Discussion occurred at the Advisory Committee meeting regarding the need to reevaluate how the EPF program is implemented. Recent applications have been to fund the same on-going programs. One option raised was to consider a "block grant" allocation to simplify the process while still meeting the purpose of the funding. Another option was to consider redirecting some of the annual funding to provide seed money to encourage innovative programs, as opposed to only on-going funding. These discussions will continue at the next Advisory Committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for May, and recommendations will be returned to the City Council for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding source for the Educational Partnership Fund is from City General Funds. The EPF fund has approximately $528,287 available, including the minimum $500,000 budgeted allocation and $28,287 in prior year reserves. This reserve fund includes $23,300 allocated by the City Council in November 2010, an unspent carryover of about $1,900 from FY 2009-10, and about $3,300 in unallocated funds (below the $500,000 minimum) from FY 2011-12.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: FY 2011-12 Irvine Educational Partnership Fund Application Summary
Attachment 2: EPF Funding History

FY 2012-13
Irvine Educational Partnership Fund Application Summary

Organization (applicant)	Program	Grant Amount FY12/13
Irvine Public Schools Foundation	**School Nurses** *Funding for 1 full-time equivalent IUSD school nurse to supplement 7 FTE nurses and for fundraising activities.*	$82,786
Irvine Public Schools Foundation	**Health Clerks** *Funding for 4 part-time equivalent IUSD health clerks, to supplement the 27 part-time health clerks currently funded by IUSD and IPSF.*	$62,834
Irvine Unified School District	**High School Project Success** *Funds will support 5 part-time equivalent Support Specialists and a Program Coordinator, to provide targeted individual and small-group intervention services for students with high-risk behaviors (i.e. anger, drug use, self injury, suicide ideation, bullying) at all five IUSD high schools.*	$75,818
Irvine Unified School District	**Middle School Project Success** *Funding will support 6 part-time equivalent Support Specialists (5-10 hrs/week), a Program Coordinator, and clerical assistance at seven IUSD middle schools, to provide targeted individual and small-group intervention services for students with high-risk behaviors (i.e. anger, drug use, self injury, suicide ideation, bullying).*	$73,325
Irvine Unified School District	**Elementary Guidance Assistant Program for Grades 4-6** *Funding to support 22 part-time equivalent Guidance Assistants for 3.5 hours per week, a Program Coordinator, and clerical assistance, to sustain classroom and targeted individual and small-group intervention services for 4-6th grade students referred for school adjustment problems*	$75,704

Organization (applicant)	Program	Grant Amount FY11/12
Irvine Unified School District	**Elementary Guidance Assistant Program for Grades K-3** *Funding to support 22 part-time equivalent Guidance Assistants for 3 hours per week, a Program Coordinator, and clerical assistance, to sustain classroom and targeted individual and small-group intervention services for K-3 students referred for school adjustment problems.*	$67,133
	IUSD TOTAL	$437,600
Tustin Unified School District	**School Nurse** *Funding to support a part-time equivalent nurse for TUSD schools within the City of Irvine.*	$65,000
	TUSD TOTAL	$65,000
	IUSD TOTAL	**$437,600**
	TUSD TOTAL	**$65,000**
	GRAND TOTAL	**$502,600**

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING HISTORY
FY 2006 - 2013

Organization	Program	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	Total EPF Funding
		Funded	Funded	Funded	Funded	Funded	Funded	Recommended	
Team Kids	Team Kids Challenge	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
Families Forward	School Readiness Program	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
IUSD	Certified Counselors-High School	178,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	178,572
IUSD	Certified Counselors-Middle School	178,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	178,572
IUSD	Effective Behavior Support	35,714	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,714
IUSD	Family Resource Ctr Coord. Support	53,571	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,571
American Academy of	PE4ME	-	16,667	11,166	-	-	-	-	27,833
IUSD	Elementary Guidance Assistant Program for Grades 4-6	64,286	77,266	78,410	78,410	76,826	75,704	75,704	526,606
IUSD	Elementary Guidance Assistant Program for Grades K-3	64,285	77,267	58,444	68,410	67,122	67,133	67,133	469,794
IUSD	High School Project Success	-	40,000	77,850	77,850	76,367	75,818	75,818	423,703
IUSD	Middle School Project Success	-	80,000	65,330	75,330	73,895	73,325	73,325	441,205
IPSF	School Nurses	82,018	90,000	90,000	90,000	83,430	82,786	82,786	601,020
IPSF	Health Clerks	65,610	70,000	70,000	70,000	63,322	62,834	62,834	464,600
IPSF	After School Enrichment (ACE)	40,839	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,839
IUSD Total		***798,467***	***451,200***	***451,200***	***460,000***	***440,962***	***437,600***	***437,600***	***3,477,029***
TUSD	Fruit & Vegetable Bar	18,335	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,335
TUSD	Salad Bar at Hicks Canyon Elementary School	-	-	7,630	-	-	-	-	7,630
Academy of Pediatrics	PE4ME	-	6,184	4,908	-	-	-	-	11,092
TUSD	School Nurse	-	40,489	41,169	38,862	59,038	59,038	65,000	303,596
TUSD	Harvest of the Month	-	2,127	0	2,072	-	-	-	4,199
TUSD	Meal Vending	-	0	0	15,929	-	-	-	15,929
TUSD Total		***18,335***	***48,800***	***53,707***	***56,863***	***59,038***	***59,038***	***65,000***	***360,781***
Multi-Year Grants									
IPSF	Health Education (3 year program)	61,533	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,533
TUSD	program)	85,582	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,582
Multi-Year Total		***147,115***	-	-	-	-	-	-	***147,115***
GRAND TOTAL		**963,917**	**500,000**	**504,907**	**516,863**	**500,000**	**496,638**	**502,600**	**3,984,925**

ATTACHMENT 2