THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 12, 2023

Subject: Asheville City Schools – Interlocal Agreement

Staff Resource(s): D. Tyrell McGirt, Director – Parks & Recreation
Candy Hensley Shaw, Recreation Division Manager – Parks & Recreation

Action Requested: Adoption of an Interlocal Agreement between Asheville City Schools for use of Asheville Middle School as part of the National Park & Recreation Association grant for the Go! Guiding Others mentorship program.

Background:

- The Parks & Recreation Department was awarded a $70,000 grant to support a youth mentoring program over the course of 2.5 years.
- Funding for this program (Grant #15PJDP-22-GG-03735-MENT) is provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.
- The program will target youth who are currently misusing or dependent on substances, youth with family members experiencing substance use disorder, and youth living in communities with high rates of drug/opioid overdose mortality.
- The mentorship program will work with youth at Asheville Middle School as an alternative to suspension in a sixteen week group mentoring program during the academic day using the NRPA Mentoring Youth Framework and restorative practices.
- The term will be for two (2) years and the program started this 2023-24 academic year.
- Parks & Recreation will provide staff to lead programming and provide all supplies, materials, and equipment associated with the curriculum and/or activities
- Asheville City Schools will identify students for the program and will provide space during the academic day for programming

Vendor Outreach Efforts:

- N/A

Council Goal(s):

- Improve and Expand Core Services

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s):

- Continues partnership with Asheville City Schools
- Access to programming at Asheville Middle School will remove barriers to participation

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Funding for this program was previously budgeted and is available in the Special Revenue Fund.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Asheville City Schools for use of Asheville Middle School as part of the National Park & Recreation Association grant for the Go! Guiding Others mentorship program.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE FOR USE OF ASHEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AS PART OF THE GO! GUIDING OTHERS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S 160A-461, units of local government may enter into agreements with each other in order to jointly exercise any power or function of local government ; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department was awarded a $70,000 grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to support a youth mentoring program over the course of 2.5 years; and

WHEREAS, the City Parks Department and Asheville City Schools desire to enter into an interlocal agreement in order to partner together to implement the Go! Guiding Others mentorship program for a period of 2 years beginning retroactively to the beginning of October 2023; and

WHEREAS, the mentorship program will work with youth at Asheville Middle School as an alternative to suspension during the academic day using the NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association) Mentoring Youth Framework and restorative practices; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department will provide staff to lead programming and provide all supplies, materials, and equipment associated with the curriculum and or program activities; and

WHEREAS, Asheville City Schools will identify students for the program and will provide space during the academic day for programming;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Asheville City Schools as part of the Go! Guiding Others mentorship program as described herein.

Read, approved and adopted this the 12th day of December, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney