



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO
SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

FROM: Councilmember Raul Peralez
DATE: May 20, 2015

Approved

Date

5/20/15

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Update and Add Equipment to Bring Spartan Keyes, McKinley and Washington Re-Use Centers Up to Date.

Amount of City Funding Required: \$51,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund-\$6,000 and CD#3 Construction and Conveyance Tax Fund-\$45,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

1. One-time funding of \$45,000 from the CD #3 Construction and Conveyance Tax Fund for the purchase of equipment.
2. Ongoing funding of \$6,000 from the General Fund for basic Wi-Fi at the sites.

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) was deeply affected by budget cuts in 2010. In an effort to prevent our community centers from closing completely, the City decided to lease out the space to local non-profit organizations that could provide services to the community. Due to limited funding, these centers continue to lack many of the essential services that City-owned facilities provide. A basic Wi-Fi connection and updated computers are just two of the core services re-use facilities lack. I respectfully request a total of \$51,000 for the purchase of equipment and addition of Wi-Fi services at Spartan Keyes, McKinley and Washington community centers.

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force has identified Washington and McKinley neighborhoods as two hot spots for gang and crime. In order to prevent youth from falling into gangs, it is especially important to provide alternative services in these areas. Lacking Wi-Fi and having outdated equipment in our centers disengages the very youth we are trying to reach and prevents low-income families from accessing the increasingly necessary technology on which our society relies. It is time we hold true to our slogan, "Capital of Silicon Valley" and provide equal access to technology across our city. An allocation of \$51,000 is a small price to pay when we compare the benefits of crime reduction and education success.

Funding Source

- Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million): Ongoing funding of \$6,000
- Other (Program/Project/Fund): CD #3 Construction and Conveyance Tax Fund of \$45,000.

Department or Organization: Information Technology Department

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