5.6.2026 – OFCY Planning and Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes

Timestamp 6:22 PM – Items 1 & 2: Call to Order & Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Jessica Arline, acting Adult Co-Chair. Eight members of the committee are present, making quorum. Attendance is as follows:

- Jessica Arline – D1, Adult
- Ashlee Jemmott – D2, Adult, attending virtually (does not count towards quorum)
- Sophie Mehouelley – D2, Youth
- Pelayo Llamas – D4, Youth
- Olivia Sally – D4, Adult (New Representative)
- Emma Hiza – D5, Adult
- Letitia Henderson – Mayor's seat, Adult
- Eve Delfin – D7, Adult
- Natalie Santoscoy – D6, Adult (6:25 arrival during roll call)
- Also in attendance: Robin Love (CYS Manager), Sofia Navarro (Deputy City Administrator), Robyn Levinson (CYS Planner), and Annie Hines (OFCY Program Analyst II)

Timestamp 6:25 PM – Item 4: RLL notes the minutes will be moved to the next POC meeting.

Timestamp 6:25 PM – Item 5: Public Forum begins, with each commenter limited to two (2) minutes.

Timestamp 7:18 PM – Item 6: Staff Recommendation: Year Round Grant Awards for FY26-28. Staff provides an overview of funding recommendations, including methodology, scoring, environmental factors and funding parameters. Commissioner Hiza asks if carryforward funds are available and being considered as a part of the funding recommendations. RML notes that based on current funding allocations from the general purpose fund, carryforward will need to be used for part of these grant awards. Commissioner Arline asks how the landscape has changed in the past 10 years. RLL notes that while community needs have not generally changed, they have become more acute recently due to changes in the national landscape. Commissioner Henderson moves to accept staff's funding recommendation with the recommendation that the commission look into ways to increase supports for collaboration and organizational planning. Commissioner Ashlee Jemmott, participating remotely, asks for clarification on how much carryforward will be applied to this funding cycle, and notes her desire for caution in spending down these carryforward funds. RLL shares the Protest process (available at **https://www.ofcy.org/funding/rfp-26-28/**) and Deputy City Administrator (DCA) Navarro highlights that until the protest period ends, no contract can be awarded to any proposed grantees. Commissioner Henderson also asks about housing access under the Independent Living proposed programs. RLL notes that historically, OFCY has not funded housing due to charter parameters and highlights that the Community Homeless Services Division of Human Services focuses on housing. DCA Navarro notes the Citywide effort towards collaborating on services and align funding. Commissioner Delfin thanks those who came for public comment and stayed for the duration of the meeting. Prior to the vote, Commissioner Arline notes that she has a conflict and will need to recuse herself from the votes. Commissioner Llamas also has a conflict leading to recusal. At 8:21 PM, Commissioner Henderson moves to accept staff's funding recommendations as is and have a further conversation about carryforward availability and options. Commissioner Hiza seconds the motion, moving to a roll call vote. The roll call vote is as follows:

- Ayes: Commissioners Mehouelley, Sally, Hiza, Henderson, Delfin, and Santoscoy
- Abstentions: Commissioners Arline and Llamas.

Timestamp 8:22 PM – Item 6: due to the results of the roll call vote, the item passes. RLL notes that the next meeting will include a carryforward conversation.

Timestamp 8:23 PM – Item 7: Administrative Items & Announcements. RML provides administrative updates.

Timestamp 8:25 PM – Item 3: Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Hiza moves to adopt the agenda; Commissioner Sally seconds the motion. The motion passes without abstention or opposition.

Timestamp 8:25 PM – Commissioner Arline adjourns the meeting.

City of Oakland, Human Services Department

Oakland Fund for Children and Youth

STAFF REPORT MEMORANDUM

To: OFCY Planning and Oversight Committee (POC)

From: Robin Love, Children and Youth Services Division Manager
Human Services Department

Date: May 6, 2026

Re: **Oakland Fund for Children and Youth Fiscal Year 2026 - 2028 Year-Round Grant Awards**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning and Oversight Committee Adopt the OFCY Staff Recommendation To:

Award Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) Grants To Ninety Two (92) Non-Profit and Public Agencies To Operate One Hundred and Thirty Six (136) Distinct Year-Round Programs in An Annual Amount Not To Exceed Twenty Million Six Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred And Fifty Six Dollars ($20,677,356) for Two Fiscal Years, From July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and From July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, contingent upon funding availability and program performance.

Table 1: Year-round Program Service Term Proposed Awards by Strategy

OFCY Funding Strategy	Proposed Allocation	Program Count	Youth Served
Career Access and Employment	$4,058,559.00	23	3,617
Elementary School-Based Expanded Learning	$1,652,761.00	24	3,491
Family Resource Centers and Parent Engagement	$2,127,653.26	12	1,233
Independent Living	$1,246,205.00	7	532
Middle School-Based Expanded Learning	$1,479,873.19	18	1,909
Place-Based Innovations for Youth Safety	$2,533,289.75	11	2,449
Youth Development and Leadership	$7,579,014.80	41	8,797
TOTAL	**$20,677,356**	**136**	**22,028**

The following seven tables (Table 2 – Table 8) list the recommended year-round programs and total projected youth served by funding strategy.

Table 2: Family Resource Centers and Parent Engagement Year-round Proposed Awards

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served	Proposed Adults Served
1	Afro-Play Oakland	Afro-Play	$143,150.00	75	150
2	BANANAS	Healthy Havenscourt Cub House	$500,000.00	300	400
3	Dads Evoking Change	Family Wellness and Engagement Program	$71,450.00	25	70
4	Destiny Arts Center	Teddy Bear Movement	$50,000.00	175	160
5	Family Paths	Parent Education Program	$56,448.10		50
6	LifeLong Medical Care	Project Pride	$99,506.00	20	20
7	Lotus Bloom	Culturally Responsive Family Resource Center - Room to Bloom	$312,499.52	122	122
8	Oakland Parents Together	Parent Cafes and Early Learning Workshops	$50,100.00	75	60
9	Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development	Community Adventure Pre-K Playgroups (C.A.P.P.)	$115,000.00	50	45
10	Our Family Coalition	Project LIFE (LGBTQ Intersectional Family Enrichment)	$250,000.00	71	242
11	Refugee & Immigrant Transitions (RIT)	Parent Tot Initiative	$350,000.00	160	450
12	Tandem, Partners in Early Learning	Early Learning Everywhere: Building Family Connections	$129,499.64	160	250
		TOTAL	**$2,127,653.26**	**1,233**	**1,919**

Table 3: Elementary School-Based Expanded Learning Year-round Proposed Awards

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
1	Bay Area Community Resources	Acorn Woodland Elementary	$65,000.00	83
2	Bay Area Community Resources	Esperanza Elementary	$65,000.00	83
3	Bay Area Community Resources	Fred T. Korematsu Discovery Academy Elementary	$65,000.00	83
4	Bay Area Community Resources	Global Family Elementary	$65,000.00	83
5	Bay Area Community Resources	Markham Elementary	$65,000.00	83
6	Bay Area Community Resources	Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary	$65,000.00	115
7	Bay Area Community Resources	Sankofa United Elementary	$65,000.00	100
8	East Bay Agency for Children	Achieve Academy	$65,000.00	100
9	East Bay Asian Youth Center	Franklin Elementary School	$65,000.00	160
10	East Bay Asian Youth Center	Garfield Elementary School	$65,000.00	200
11	East Bay Asian Youth Center	Manzanita Community School	$65,000.00	140

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
12	East Oakland Youth Development Center	East Oakland Youth Development Center	$ 150,000.00	120
13	Girls Inc of Alameda County	Cox Academy	$65,000.00	85
14	Girls Inc of Alameda County	Learning Without Limits	$65,000.00	85
15	Life I Love School	Life I Love School - Wellness Program for Elementary Girls	$135,873.00	160
16	Lighthouse Community Public Schools	Lighthouse Community Charter	$100,000.00	131
17	Living Jazz	Allendale Elementary	$31,250.00	30
18	Living Jazz	Carl B. Munck Elementary	$31,250.00	30
19	Living Jazz	Cleveland Elementary	$31,250.00	30
20	Oakland Leaf Foundation	La Escuelita	$65,000.00	150
21	Oakland Leaf Foundation	Think College Now	$65,000.00	120
22	Oakland Symphony	Oakland Symphony MUSE Stringendo	$60,000.00	120
23	Ultimate Impact	Place-based Ultimate Learning and Leadership through Sports (PULLS)	$85,516.00	900
24	Youth Cooking Services dba Kids Cooking For Life	Franklin Elementary School	$52,622.00	300
		TOTAL	**$1,652,761.00**	**3,491**

Table 4: Middle School-Based Expanded Learning Year-round Proposed Awards

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
1	Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc. dba The Center for Art Esteem	Community School for Creative Education Afterschool Programming	$100,000.00	100
2	Bay Area Community Resources	LIFE Academy	$85,000.00	83
3	Bay Area Community Resources	Frick United Academy of Language Middle	$85,000.00	83
4	Bay Area Community Resources	Elmhurst United Middle	$85,000.00	100
5	Bay Area Community Resources	West Oakland Middle	$85,000.00	83
6	Bay Area Community Resources	Westlake Middle	$85,000.00	83
7	Bay Area Community Resources	Madison Park Academy 6-12	$85,000.00	83
8	East Bay Asian Youth Center	Urban Promise Academy	$85,000.00	180
9	East Bay Asian Youth Center	Roosevelt Middle School	$85,000.00	220
10	La Clinica de La Raza, Inc.	Familia Adelante	$165,681.19	30
11	Lighthouse Community Public Schools	Lighthouse Community Charter	$85,000.00	64
12	Lighthouse Community Public Schools	Lodestar: A Lighthouse Community Charter Public	$85,000.00	80
13	Living Jazz	Claremont Middle	$31,250.00	30

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
14	Oakland Leaf Foundation	Bret Harte Middle	$85,000.00	160
15	Safe Passages	United for Success Academy Middle	$85,000.00	200
16	Safe Passages	Coliseum College Prep Academy	$85,000.00	270
17	The Original Scraper Bike Team	Elmhurst United Middle	$38,971.00	30
18	The Original Scraper Bike Team	Greenleaf	$38,971.00	30
		TOTAL	**$1,479,873.19**	**1,909**

Table 5: Youth Development and Leadership Year-round Proposed Awards

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
1	Alameda County Health	Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocates	$200,000.00	85
2	American Indian Child Resource Center	Culture Keepers	$164,515.79	60
3	ARISE High School	Leaders on the Rise Enrichment Lab	$200,003.00	365
4	Asian Health Services	Empowering Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Youth and Southeast Asian (SEA) Young Women through Culturally Tailored Leadership and Development Programming	$200,000.00	220
5	Aspire Education	Community Reading Buddies	$130,000.00	500
6	Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc. dba The Center for Art Esteem	Art Esteem Leadership Program	$200,000.00	976
7	Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program	Sports, Fitness, & Recreation for Youth with Disabilities	$80,000.00	50
8	Center for Empowered Politics Education Fund	AYPAL Building API Community Power	$155,000.00	160
9	Center for Empowering Refugees and Immigrants	Clinton Park Youth Collaborative	$400,000.00	327
10	Chapter 510 INK	Write, Speak, Heal: Oakland Youth Arts Collaborative	$300,000.00	110
11	Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice	Homies 4 Justice	$155,125.00	15
12	Community Works West	Project WHAT! (We're Here and Talking)	$194,608.00	30
13	Cycles of Change	Ride and Wrench Youth Program	$150,000.00	154
14	Dimensions Dance Theater	Rites of Passage	$96,500.00	95
15	Dream Youth Clinic	Youth #GOALS Program	$193,000.00	200
16	East Bay Agency for Children	Youth Empowerment Services: Leadership Pathways (YES Pathways)	$225,000.00	200
17	East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation	Roaring Forward	$101,164.43	22
18	East Oakland Boxing Association	East Oakland Boxing Association After School Program	$60,350.00	55

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	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
19	EastSide Arts Alliance & Cultural Center	EastSide Arts Alliance - Youth Community Culture Builders	$200,000.00	150
20	Fresh Lifelines for Youth	FLY Programs for Young Leaders	$124,200.00	17
21	Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park	Peralta Hacienda Youth Programs	$200,000.00	605
22	Frontline Catalysts	Climate Justice Youth Leadership Development	$148,637.00	120
23	Girls Inc of Alameda County	GIAC Downtown Oakland Middle & High School Programs	$100,000.00	184
24	Health Initiatives for Youth	Level Up Relationships	$65,768.08	75
25	Improve Your Tomorrow	Pathways to Promise: IYT College Academy	$154,981.50	75
26	Museum Of Children's Art	Community Futures School_Black Nourishment Network	$400,000.00	40
27	Native American Health Center, Inc.	NAHC Youth Development and Leadership Program	$225,000.00	250
28	Oakland Genesis	Oakland Genesis Academy	$166,000.00	330
29	Oakland Goes Outdoors	Oakland Goes Outdoors: Outdoor Learning for Middle School Students	$200,000.00	1,000
30	Oakland Kids First	OKF Youth Leadership and Organizing Programs	$225,000.00	85
31	Oakland Lacrosse Club	Oakland Lacrosse: Mentoring and Leadership	$225,000.00	160
32	Oakland LGBTQ Community Center	LGBTQ Youth Leadership Program	$225,000.00	80
33	Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development	Camp L.E.A.P. (Lead. Empower. Adapt. Play.)	$149,162.00	30
34	Oakland Unified School District	Innovative EFG Internships and Field Trips	$200,000.00	630
35	Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth	RJOY Youth Leadership Program	$225,000.00	50
36	Safe Passages	Get Active	$200,000.00	200
37	SPAAT	Athlete Leadership Institute (ALI)	$100,000.00	350
38	Spanish Speaking Unity Council of Alameda County, Inc. dba The Unity Council	Latino Men & Boys	$225,000.00	85
39	Summer Search	Summer Search's Youth Development and Leadership Program for Oakland Youth	$200,000.00	75
40	Youth ALIVE	Teens on Target	$225,000.00	227
41	YouthBeat	YouthBeat Media Arts Training and Leadership Development	$190,000.00	355
		TOTAL	**$7,579,014.80**	**8,797**

Table 6: Career Access Year-round Proposed Awards

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
1.	Alameda Health System Foundation	AHS - Health Excellence & Academic Leadership (HEAL) Program Middle & High School Healthcare Internship	$236,400.00	195
2.	Center for Independent Living	Accelerate: Workforce Development for Young People with Disabilities	$200,000.00	250
3.	Centro Legal de la Raza	Youth Law Academy	$200,000.00	80
4.	Civicorps	Conservation Career Pathways	$150,000.00	55
5.	East Bay Asian Youth Center	Career Pathways in Outdoor Recreation Education	$200,000.00	25
6.	East Oakland Boxing Association	EOBA FutureWorks	$125,030.00	50
7.	East Oakland Youth Development Center	East Oakland Youth Development Center	$150,000.00	120
8.	FACES for the Future Coalition	FACES for the Future Coalition	$200,000.00	60
9.	First Place for Youth	Youth Earn-and-Learn for Economic Empowerment	$150,000.00	175
10.	Genesys Works	Genesys Works High School Internship Program	$114,000.00	70
11.	Junior Achievement of Northern California	JA Workforce Pathways for Future Ready Oakland Youth	$150,004.00	1,250
12.	Lao Family Community Development, Inc.	Oakland Youth Industries Exploration (YIE) Program	$200,000.00	42
13.	New Door Ventures	Comprehensive Job Training and Employment Program for Oakland Opportunity Youth	$150,000.00	75
14.	Oakland Leaf Foundation	Roots Internship	$150,000.00	35
15.	Oakland Technology and Education Center	Oakland Story-Work: Archives, Media & Workforce Pathways	$83,125.00	150
16.	Planting Justice	Planting Justice Food Sovereignty Youth Leadership Program	$200,000.00	540
17.	Roots Community Health	Next Level Youth	$200,000.00	40
18.	Safe Passages	Life and Career Roadmap Program	$200,000.00	80
19.	The Hidden Genius Project	The Hidden Genius Project: Alumni Pathways to Wealth Building Careers	$150,000.00	110
20.	Trybe Inc.	Trybe Career Access and Employment	$250,000.00	70
21.	Young Women's Freedom Center	Young Women's Freedom Center's Economic Empowerment Program	$200,000.00	30
22.	Youth Employment Partnership	Career Connections	$200,000.00	35
23.	Youth Uprising	YU Career & Education Program-Job Training and Placement	$200,000.00	80
		TOTAL	**$4,058,559.00**	**3,617**

Table 7: Independent Living Year-round Proposed Awards

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
1	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area	Big Futures	$75,505.00	20
2	Center for Independent Living	Centering Independent Living for Youth with Disabilities	$200,000.00	100
3	College Track	College Track Oakland: Democratizing high school & college success for low-income, first-generation Oakland youth	$125,000.00	272
4	East Bay Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation (SSCF)	LIBRE - Independent Living	$83,475.00	35
5	Spanish Speaking Unity Council of Alameda County, Inc. dba The Unity Council	Launching Independence & Future Empowerment (LIFE)	$250,000.00	50
6	Young Women's Freedom Center	Beloved Village	$312,225.00	25
7	Youth Employment Partnership	Stable Futures for Oakland Youth	$200,000.00	30
		TOTAL	**$1,246,205.00**	**532**

Table 8: Place-Based Innovations for Safety Year-round Proposed Awards

	Agency Name	Program Name	Proposed Award	Proposed Youth Served
1	Entitled Futures	Quria at Tech: Student Wellness & Support Hub	$175,000.00	300
2	Family Violence Law Center	Fremont High Gender-Based Violence Case Management Program	$250,000.00	480
3	Fresh Lifelines for Youth	FLY Law-Related Education Program	$99,230.00	80
4	Kingmakers	Kingmakers	$200,000.00	40
5	Lincoln	ACORN	$310,609.00	125
6	Motivating Inspiring Serving and Supporting Sexually Exploited Youth (MISSSEY)	Restoration and Safety for Oakland's Sexually Exploited and Vulnerable Youth	$250,000.00	450
7	Oakland Kids First	OKF Castle Cares	$288,452.00	100
8	Safe Passages	Place-Based Innovations for Youth Safety	$309,998.75	679
9	Special Service for Groups, Inc.	OTTP-NorCal ACOE Program	$250,000.00	85
10	The Mentoring Center	The Mentoring Center's Transformative Youth Violence Prevention Program	$200,000.00	35
11	Youth ALIVE	Pathways	$200,000.00	75
		TOTAL	**$2,533,289.75**	**2,449**

BACKGROUND

The Kids First! Amendment (Article XIII – Amended in 2020) of the City of Oakland Charter requires that three percent (3%) of the General-Purpose Fund be set aside as annual revenues, along with interest accrued and any unspent funds from prior years and appropriated to the Oakland Kids First! Children's Fund. Ninety percent (90%) of the annual revenue is made available for grants to non- profit and public agencies to address the well-being of Oakland children and youth from birth through age 21. Ten percent (10%) is available for administration and evaluation. The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 13588 C.M.S. on March 3, 2020, which extended OFCY for twelve (12) years, beginning July 1, 2021, and continuing through June 30, 2033.

On October 16, 2024, the POC unanimously approved the OFCY FY 2025-2028 Strategic Investment Plan (SIP). On December 17, 2024, the City Council approved the OFCY FY 2025-2028 SIP through Resolution 90580 C.M.S.

Eight funding strategies were approved in the 2025 - 2028, listed below.

1. Family Resource Centers and Parent Engagement
2. Elementary School-Based Expanded Learning
3. Middle School-Based Expanded Learning
4. Youth Development and Leadership
5. Career Access and Employment
6. Youth Summer Jobs/Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program
7. Independent Living
8. Place-Based Innovations for Youth Safety

On June 17, 2025, the City Council approved Resolution 90767 C.M.S. extending FY 2024-2025 grants for FY 2025-2026 to 74 non-profit and public agencies operating 144 district grant programs to allow staff sufficient time to distribute the RFP for the next funding cycle.

On October 24, 2025, OFCY released the Request for Proposals (RFP) to fund programs under the FY 2025 – 2028 SIP. Please refer to the April 15th POC meeting packet and recording for a comprehensive overview of the FY 2026 – 2028 OFCY RFP, including the funding strategies, application timeline, campaign and outreach strategy, proposal submission statistics, and the process for reader recruitment, assignment, and scoring.

Staff reviewed all proposal submissions received by the deadline to ensure that the required proposal elements were provided according to the directions included in the RFP. In accordance with the evaluation criteria outlined in the RFP, all proposals that met the minimum threshold of 70 were considered for funding.

Programs awarded through the sixth funding strategy, Youth Summer Jobs / the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP), were approved by the POC on March 18, 2026. Summer service term programs across other strategies were also approved at this meeting. Please see the POC Meeting Minutes for a list of the approved programs.

The summer program service term allocation was unanimously approved by the Life Enrichment Committee on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. These awards are scheduled for approval by the full City Council on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Summer service term programming is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2026.

The 136 programs recommended for approval through this memo are for year-round programming.

OFCY will make awards for a two-year grant cycle, for FY 2026-2027 and FY 2027-2028, contingent upon fund balance, satisfactory evaluation, grant monitoring and overall performance subject to approval by the Planning and Oversight Committee and Oakland City Council. OFCY may extend the grant cycle for additional fiscal years.

ANALYSIS

There are 92 agencies recommended for awards. Of the 92 agencies, 63 (68%) are current OFCY grantees, and 29 (32%) are new grantees for this RFP cycle.

Through approving these funding awards, the estimated number of participants (youth and adult) proposed to be served by year-round programs is 23,947.

Table 9: Estimated Participants Served by Funding Strategy (Proposed)

Funding Strategy	Total Projected Participants
Career Access and Employment	3,617
Elementary School-Based Expanded Learning	3,491
Family Resource Centers and Parent Engagement	3,152*
Independent Living	532
Middle School-Based Expanded Learning	1,909
Place-Based Innovations for Youth Safety	2,449
Youth Development and Leadership	8,797
TOTAL	**23,947**

*includes adult participants: 1,233 youth participants and 1,919 adult participants for a total of 3,152.

Across all proposals, there are more proposals that met the minimum threshold score of 70 / 100 than OFCY can fund.

108 of the 300 year-round proposals (33%) received an average score of 90 / 100 or higher. An additional 78 year-round proposals (24%) received an average score of 85 – 89 /100.

To determine final award allocations for the proposals, OFCY considered the following factors beyond average score, including:

- Geographic population served
- Number of proposals submitted by the agency
- Total funding requested
- Percentage of funding requested from OFCY compared to total program cost
- History in Oakland
- Applied expertise
- Alignment with the 2025 – 2028 SIP
- Funding climate

Significant consideration was given to how programs meet the vision of the FY 2025-2028 SIP to shift OFCY funding toward programs and services that reach older youth in Oakland. As identified in the 2024 OFCY Community Needs Assessment, older youth in Oakland have less programming and services available compared to younger youth.

Not only do older youth have less access to programs and services, but there are fewer funding streams dedicated to serve this population. In contrast, there are multiple local and state funding streams that serve children, youth, and families from birth through middle school. An overview of three funding streams is below:

1. The California Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)
2. Oakland Children's Initiative (OCI)
3. Alameda County Measure C

The California Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP):
ELOP provides funding for school districts, including Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) to offer after-school and summer enrichment programming to students grades TK-6th grade.

When evaluating proposals in the Elementary and Middle school-based Expanded Learning strategies, OFCY funding recommendations considered the amount of ELOP funding received by the agency from OUSD to serve the population described in the proposal. Programs receiving ELOP funding were recommended for $65,000 for elementary school and $85,000 for middle school to enable these programs to provide higher quality enrichment activities and experiences to youth served.

ELOP funding is secure through FY 2026-2027. However, it is uncertain whether ELOP funding will be available in FY 2027-2028, the second year covered by this OFCY award term. OFCY staff recommend awards at $65,000 for elementary school and $85,000 for middle school programs receiving ELOP funds so that if ELOP funding is eliminated in FY 2027-2028, youth served in these after school programs are still supported.

Oakland Children's Initiative (OCI) and Alameda County Measure C
The Oakland Children's Initiative (Measure AA) is a 2018 Oakland City Charter Amendment to deepen investment in early childcare education and to expand access to scholarships and college for students.

62% of OCI funds are allocated to the Early Education Fund to support early care and education and preschool programs. 31% of OCI funds are allocated to the Oakland Promise Fund to reduce disparities for students in post-secondary education through supporting college and career access.

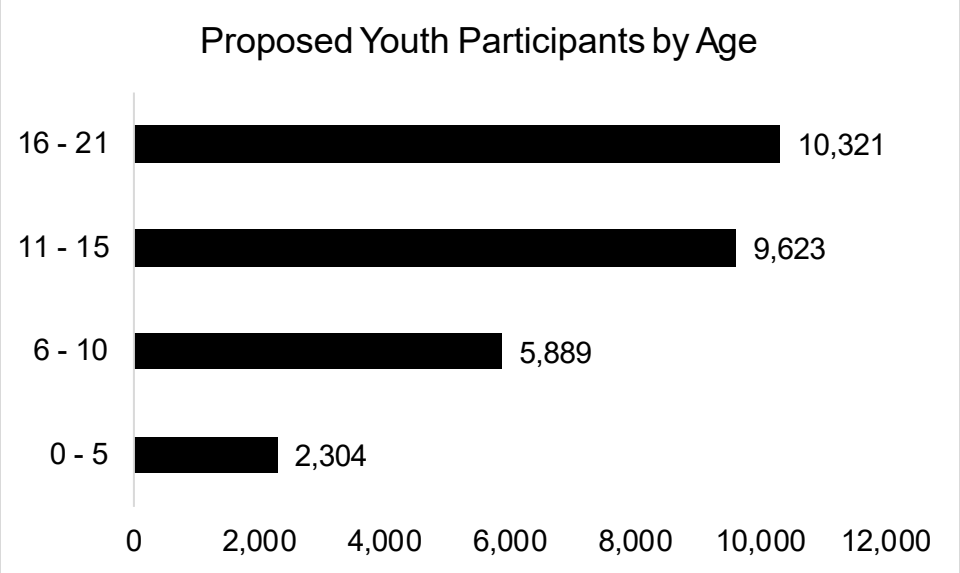
Measure C is a 0.5% sales tax, generating approximately $150 million annually, for expanding access to early childhood education in Alameda County. 80% of funds generated are dedicated to supporting child care, preschool, and early education services and programming.

The deeper investment in early childhood education and college access illuminated the gap in funding for programs serving youth, specifically for violence prevention and services for transition-aged youth up to 21.

Despite there being additional funding available for programs serving young children and their families, approximately 10% of all proposals received (33 out of 333) were for the Family Resource Center and Parent Engagement strategy. To align with the intention of the FY 2025-2028 SIP to prioritize serving older adults, OFCY staff prioritized programs from agencies that received a score of 90 or above for award for funding. Staff also prioritized awards in the FRC strategy for agencies not receiving funding in other funding strategies.

The chart on the following page demonstrates how the proposed funding awards align with the FY 2025-2028 SIP, prioritizing deeper investment in programs serving youth ages 11 – 21.

Chart 1: Proposed Youth Served by Age Range



Based on the competitiveness of this Request for Proposal (RFP), 176 programs are not recommended for funding. Please see Attachment B for this list. Table 10 below shows the number of proposals awarded by funding strategy.

Table 10: Programs Submitted Versus Awarded Comparison

Funding Strategy	# Submitted Proposals	# Awarded Proposals	% Proposals Awarded out of Submitted
Career Access and Employment	56	23	41%
Elementary School Expanded Learning	74	24	32%
Family Resource Centers & Parent Engagement	33	12	36%
Independent Living	12	7	58%
Middle School Expanded Learning	27	18	67%
Place-Based Innovations for Youth Safety	22	11	50%
Youth Development and Leadership	96	41	43%
TOTAL	**333**	**136**	**41%**

The following table shows how well aligned the proposed funding is with the funding allocation ranges approved in the FY 2025 - 2028 SIP.

Table 11: Proposed Awards Alignment with FY 2025 - 2028 OFCY SIP

OFCY FY 25 – 28 SIP Funding Strategy	Investment Allocation Range	Proposed Allocation (Year-round)	Total Allocation (Summer & Year-round)
FRC & Parent Engagement	$1,600,000.00 - $2,600,000.00	$2,127,653.26	$2,127,653.26
Expanded Learning- Elementary	$1,600,000.00 - $2,600,000.00	$1,652,761.00	$2,124,726.00
Expanded Learning- Middle	$2,000,000.00 - $3,000,000.00	$1,479,873.19	$1,879,873.19
Youth Development & Leadership	$6,000,000.00 - $7,000,000.00	$7,579,014.80	$8,127,647.80
Youth Summer Jobs / MSYEP	$1,200,000.00 - $2,200,000.00	-	$1,030,253.60
Career Access & Employment	$2,400,000.00 - $3,400,000.00	$4,058,559.00	$4,350,519.00
Independent Living	$600,000.00 - $1,600,000.00	$1,246,205.00	$1,246,205.00
Place Based Innovations for Safety	$2,000,000.00 - $3,000,000.00	$2,533,289.75	$2,533,289.75
	TOTAL	**$20,677,356.00**	**$23,420,167.60**

Looking at the total allocations (both summer and year-round), the proposed allocations are within the SIP range for the following strategies:

- Family Resource Center (FRC) and Parent Engagement
- Elementary School-Based Expanded Learning
- Independent Living
- Place Based Innovations for Youth Safety

The proposed awards are below the funding range for the Middle School-Based Expanded Learning strategy and the Youth Summer Jobs / Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program (MSYEP) strategy.

The proposed awards are above the funding range for the Career Access and Employment strategy and the Youth Development and Leadership strategy.

OFCY staff recommend approving the proposed awards based on the spirit of the strategic investment plan to support older youth. Through deeper investment in Career Access and Employment, OFCY offsets underspending in the Youth Summer Employment Strategy.

OFCY staff recommend approving the deeper investment in the Youth Development strategy, recognizing that it received the highest number of proposals. This was the most competitive funding strategy for awards and received the largest number of proposals.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City of Oakland Adopted Budget for FY 2026-2027 estimates a total allocation of **$23,264,941.00** for FY 2026-2027 for the Oakland Kids First! Children's Fund. **$20,938,447.00 (90%)** is available for grants, and $2,326,494 (10%) is available for evaluation, strategic planning, and other administrative costs.

OFCY seeks approval to allocate $20,677,356.00 to year-round grant awards for FY 2026-2027 and 2027-2028. Carry forward (CF) funding will be used in addition to the annual Oakland Kids First! Children's Fund allocation. The total estimated CF amount from FY 2015-2024 is $13,297,470. At least $7,446,793 is available for allocation to grant awards. The final carry forward amount available is pending final confirmation, review, and approval by the City of Oakland Finance Department and City Council.

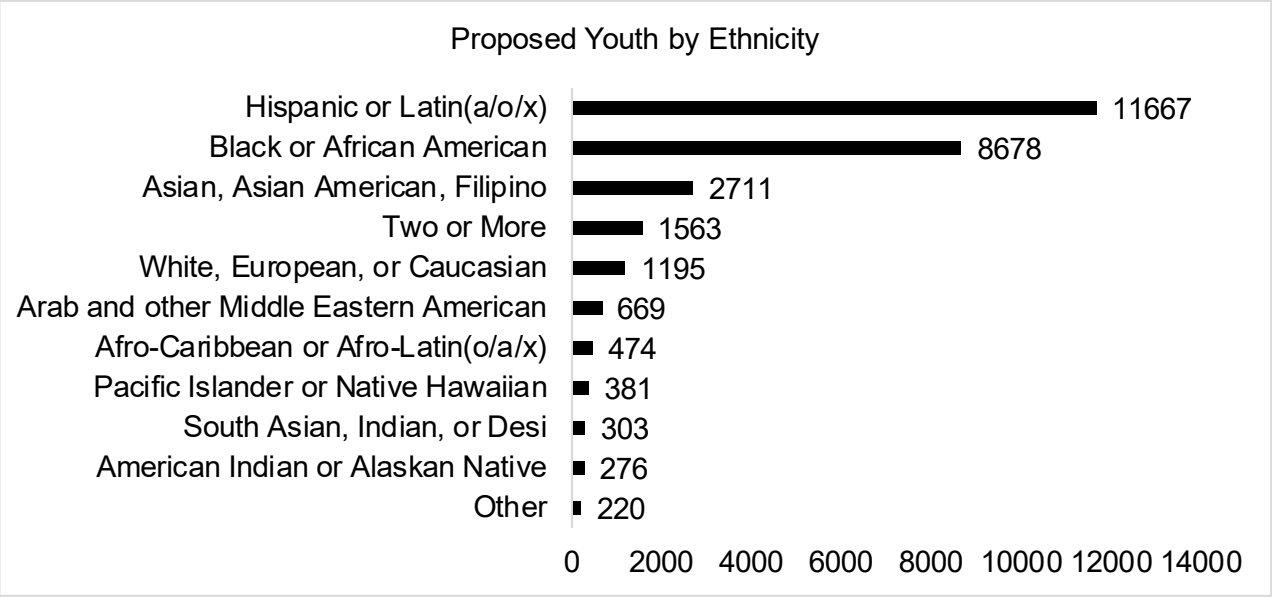
RACE AND EQUITY

OFCY continues to partner with the City of Oakland's Department of Race & Equity and recognizes the responsibility of implementing the City of Oakland Administrative Instruction 580 (AI580) to ensure funding investments support fairness and justice for all City of Oakland children, youth, and their families by removing barriers and reducing disparities.

OFCY adopted the following equity outcome statement into the FY 2025-2028 SIP:
All children and youth participating in OFCY funded programs will have opportunities to thrive, including those experiencing the most disparities.

OFCY programs predominantly serve participants of color. The largest ethnic category served is participants who identify as Latino/a or Latinx, followed by participants who identify as Black or African American. The chart below shows the demographics of proposed participants for the programs recommended for year-round funding awards.

Chart 2: Estimated Number of Participants Served by Ethnicity



Equity outcomes were also included in the OFCY FY 2026 – 2028 RFP guidance. Each Funding Strategy identified Priority Populations & Geographic Areas / neighborhoods listed as "Highest" or "High" priority as defined by the City of Oakland Department of Transportation Geographic Equity Toolbox.

The programs proposed for funding intentionally serve communities in Oakland with youth and families experiencing the most disparities.

The following tables showing proposed participants served and number of programs funded by Council District.

Table 11: Estimated Number of Youth Served by Council District

City Council District	Proposed Youth Served
1	2,122
2	1,843
3	7,642
4	260
5	3,563
6	2,820
7	3,336
N/A	465

Table 12: Estimated Number of Programs by Council District

City Council District	Number of Proposed Year-round Programs
1	7
2	16
3	40
4	3
5	24
6	19
7	21
N/A	5

Lastly, below is a table demonstrating participants served by zip code, indicating that the primary zip codes served are 94601, 94621, 94603, 94606, and 94607.

Table 13: Estimated Youth Served by Zip Code

Zip Code	Youth Served
94601	5138
94621	2921
94603	2856
94606	2586
94607	2021
94605	1963
94602	698
94619	632
94608	582
94609	566
94610	528
Homeless/Transitioning	493
94611	492
94612	316
94618	117
94613	105
94705	26
94704	24
94720	13

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff request that the POC:

Adopt the OFCY Staff Recommendation To:

Award Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) Grants To Ninety Two (92) Non-Profit and Public Agencies To Operate One Hundred and Thirty Six (136) Distinct Year-Round Programs in An Annual Amount Not To Exceed Twenty Million Six Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred And Fifty Six Dollars ($20,677,356) for Two Fiscal Years, From July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and From July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, contingent upon funding availability and program performance.

ATTACHMENT A: Programs Recommended for Awards

ATTACHMENT B: Programs Not Recommended for Awards

Kids First! Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY)

Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting

SPEAKER CARD

Please complete and submit to OFCY staff or POC Co-Chair.

Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Jeremiah Carreon
Email	Jtcarreon@Safepassages.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☑ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Safe Passages

☑ **Agenda Item:**

OFCY Grant

☑ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

OFCY Grant

Please briefly share your comment

Appreciation of OFCY support but calling her attention on the elementary students who are going to be impacted by funds being cut

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SPEAKER CARD

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Date of POC Meeting: 05 / 06 / 2026

First & Last Name	Christopher Martinez
Email	chris@ssccf.org
Phone (Optional)	(510) 827-7069

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☑ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation

☑ **Agenda Item:**

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☑ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Support of funding

Please briefly share your comment

Share impact of funding to our organization

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Kids First! Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY)

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SPEAKER CARD

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Date of POC Meeting: ___/___/___

First & Last Name	Mahlet Copeland
Email	mahlet.copeland@ousd.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☑ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: YouthBeat

☐ **Agenda Item:**

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☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

I am an alumni of YouthBeat and now I have returned post grad. as a communications associate. I was so excited to apply to work at Y.B. because I have nothing but positive experiences to recall from my time as a student. I had never touched professional cameras and I remember feeling so excited and confident behind the camera after my time in the program. I learned how to tell compelling stories, connect with local businesses, and make connections with peopople with similar interests! YouthBeat was integral to my highschool experience and I am so proud to be a staff member now.

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SPEAKER CARD

Please complete and submit to OFCY staff or POC Co-Chair.

Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Jake Schoneker
Email	jake@youthbeat.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☑ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: YouthBeat

☑ **Agenda Item:** 6

☑ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Gratitude + Appreciation

Please briefly share your comment

OFCY has had a tremendous impact on YouthBeat's ability to educate, empower, + employ Oakland Youth.

THANK YOU for your continued support!

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First & Last Name	Filo Tomas
Email	
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☑ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

_____

Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: YouthBeat

☑ **Agenda Item:** 6

☑ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

This funding makes a huge difference!

Please briefly share your comment

Support for YouthBeat changed my life - thank you for helping Oakland students like me.

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Morgan Turner
Email	mturner@safepassages.org
Phone (Optional)	(510) 332-6130

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☑ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: _____

☐ **Agenda Item:**

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☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

comment on grant funding

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Date of POC Meeting: 05/06/26

First & Last Name	Xavier Baxter
Email	xbaxter@girlsinc-alameda.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Girls Inc

☐ **Agenda Item:**

Public Forum

☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

OFCY Funding

Please briefly share your comment

Hello I'm Xavier Baxter a former Girls Inc program coordinator

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Jonathan Brumfield
Email	Jbrumfield@safepassages.org
Phone (Optional)	

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Safe Passages

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☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

Comment on the grant recommendations

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	James Delgado
Email	Jdelgado@safepassages.org
Phone (Optional)	

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Do you represent an organization? ❒ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Safe Passages

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Johanna Masis
Email	jmasis@girlsinc-alameda.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☒ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Girls Inc of Alameda County

☐ **Agenda Item:**

☒ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

OFCY funding recommendations

Please briefly share your comment

Appreciation for funding recommendations and comments for GIAC programs not being recommended.

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SPEAKER CARD

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	PHYLLIS HALL
Email	phyllis@artesteem.org
Phone (Optional)	510-652-5531

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☐ Yes ALREADY THERE

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

N/A

Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: THE CENTER FOR ARTESTEEM

☐ **Agenda Item:**

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☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW WE CAN GET ACCESS TO SCORES AND WHY AN GRANT RECEIVED A REDUCTION.

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Adrianna Larson
Email	alarson@bbbsba.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☑ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area

☑ **Agenda Item:**

Staff recommendation: year round grant awards

☑ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

thank you and recommend funding for Big Futures

Please briefly share your comment

share a quick overview of program recommending for funding and thank the committee

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Date of POC Meeting: 05/06/26

First & Last Name	Julayne Virgil
Email	jvirgil@girlsinc-alameda.org
Phone (Optional)	510-357-5515 ext 224

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☑ already on mailing list

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

N/A

Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Girls Inc. of Alameda County

☑ **Agenda Item:**

6. Staff Recommendation: Year-Round Grant Awards for FY26-28

☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

The shift in the long-term strategy of providing funding to supplement the cost of daily afterschool programming in OUSD schools will have drastic implications. Eliminating elementary afterschool funding will slash afterschool spots for Oakland's youngest school children and working Oakland families. The agencies & families cannot be expected to make up these additional funding gaps. Safe, structured afterschool spaces will have to be reduced.

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Samuel Garcia
Email	
Phone (Optional)	(510) 461-6111

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What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ❒ No ❒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: _____

❒ **Agenda Item:**

❒ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

Parent comment on grant recommendations

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Nicole Brice
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Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☒ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Girls inc of Alameda county

☒ **Agenda Item:**

Ofcy recommendations

☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Supporting oakland youth

Please briefly share your comment

I Work in expanded learning and would like to speak about the impact of operating with low funds

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Date of POC Meeting: 05/06/26

First & Last Name	Jasmine Frye and ~~Erna~~ Emani Davis
Email	jasmine@youngwomenfree.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☑ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

NO

Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Young Women Freedom Center

☑ **Agenda Item:**

6. Staff Recommendation: Grant Awards

☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

Would like to thank and acknowledge Ofcy for recommending us for the 26-28 year. Beloved and ~~YWFC~~ Young Women's Freedom Center have been recommended

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Date of POC Meeting: 05/06/26

First & Last Name	Alondra Campos
Email	acampos@girlsincofalameda.org
Phone (Optional)	(510) 759-1257

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☑ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

N/A

Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Girls Inc. Of Alameda County

☐ **Agenda Item:**

☑ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

OFCY Funds

Please briefly share your comment

As an Oakland youth worker & parent of students in afterschool, we can't provide safe spaces to our youth without the proper fundings. Students need safe spaces to be in after school & parents can't afford to pay for care while they work to provide for their families. We can't serve quality programming without adequate resources. We're counting on you to do right by the youth & their families.

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Maricarmen Ochoa Moreno
Email	Maricarmen01mex@gmail.com
Phone (Optional)	510 927 7979

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Safe passages

☐ **Agenda Item:** 6

☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

Comment on grant recommendations

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Date of POC Meeting: 5 / 6 / 26

First & Last Name	Veronica Vega
Email	VVega@safepassages.org
Phone (Optional)	510-798-2530

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

_____

Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Community Engagement & Development

☐ **Agenda Item:** 6

Staff recommendation: year round grant Award FY26-28

☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

Commenting on staff recommendation.

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Date of POC Meeting: 05/06/2026

First & Last Name	Rosa E. Giron
Email	rosaegii@hotmail.com
Phone (Optional)	(510) 828-2775

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ❒ No ❒ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

_____

Do you represent an organization? ❒ No ❒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Safe Passages Baby Learning

☒ **Agenda Item:**

6 Year-Round Grant Awards for FY26-28

❒ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

Commenting on Staff grant recommendation.

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Please complete and submit to OFCY staff or POC Co-Chair.

Date of POC Meeting: 5 / 6 / 26

First & Last Name	Rany Ath
Email	rany@ebayc.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☑ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

_____

Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☑ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC)

☑ **Agenda Item:** # 6

☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

Please briefly share your comment

Advocating for Step 55 Peer-to-Peer Program and Wildcat Circle Keeper

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Laura Cabral
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Phone (Optional)	

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What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

_____

Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Safe Passages

☒ **Agenda Item:** 6

☐ **Public (Open) Forum – What is the Topic of Your Comment?**

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Commenting on the staff recommendation for 2026-2028

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Kids First! Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY)

Planning and Oversight Committee (POC) Meeting

SPEAKER CARD

Please complete and submit to OFCY staff or POC Co-Chair.

Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Josefina Alvarado Mena
Email	Jalvarado@Safepassages.org
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☒ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Safe Passages

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Maria Coca
Email	MCoca@safepassages
Phone (Optional)	

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☐ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Safe Passages

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Comment on the staff recommendations for 26-28

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SPEAKER CARD

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Date of POC Meeting: 5/6/26

First & Last Name	Kajal Shahani
Email	Kajal@refugeetransitions.org
Phone (Optional)	925.922.3262

Would you like to be added to our mailing list? ☐ No ☒ Yes

What school do you currently attend? (Only for Youth)

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Do you represent an organization? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, name of Organization: Refugee and Immigrant Transitions (RIT)

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RIT Not being recommended for the (NCEC) program especially under this administration and in the under current environment.

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Damien DeFils Sr.

Parent @ Fruitvale Elementary

Email: tpmproductions@yahoo.com

Agenda #6

Email Comments List for 5-6-26 POC Meeting (emailed before 6pm)

1. Name: MELANIE TURNER
   Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with a student who attends the Emerson Elementary school after school program. We are a low-income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality after school programming. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you, please restore the funding to our program. Thank you for your consideration. Melanie D. Turner

2. Name: Irene Percival
   Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent with a student who attends Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a lot income community & rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who needs a place for our children to learn, Have caring adults & feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our programs. Thank you!!

3. Name: Jose Gama Garcia
   Comment: Hello, My name is Jose Angel Gama Garcia, and I attend Oakland High School. I am part of the Shop 55 EBAYC Peer Mentor Program, and I want to share how much this program has positively impacted my life. Being part of this program has helped me become a more well-rounded, responsible, and authentic young man. Being surrounded by adults who truly care about me and want to see me succeed helped me learn how to love and value myself, while also teaching me how to show love, respect, and support to others around me. The program also helped me build confidence through the relationships I made with other teenagers in the program. Being around positive peers gave me motivation and that extra push to want to come to school every day, work harder, and strive to be great in everything I do. Shop 55 has also helped me and my family financially by giving me opportunities to help with bills and responsibilities at home. On top of that, the program gave me support and guidance while dealing with outside problems and personal challenges in my life. Having people I could trust and talk to made a huge difference for me mentally and emotionally. Overall, the Shop 55 EBAYC Peer Mentor Program has been life changing for me, and I am grateful for all the opportunities, support, and lessons it has given me. Thank you, Jose Angel Gama Garcia Oakland High School

4. Name: Chavon Pinkney
   Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with 2 students who attend Emerson Elementary Safe Passages afterschool program in Oakland. We are a title 1 school, which means majority of families are low income. What this means is families rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool programs. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding for our program. Sincerely, Chavon Pinkney

5. Name: Nasir Sweet
   Comment: Dear Nasir Sweet, My name is ,Nasir Sweet , and I am a student at Oakland High School. I am writing to share how much the EBAYC East Bay Asian Youth Center program has truly improved and changed my life for the better. Through my work on my Senior Capstone project, EBAYC provided me with the resources and support to tackle real-world problems like classroom accessibility. This program didn't just help me academically; it gave me the confidence to lead, collaborate with a team, and see myself as a problem-solver in my community. We feel incredibly blessed to have had this opportunity, and I truly hope this program continues so that other students can experience the same positive impact and growth that I have. Thank you for your support. Best regards, Nasir
   Sweet Oakland High School

6. Name: Tracey S Jones
   Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with 1 student, who has special needs, who attend the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in a quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. As a working parent, we couldn’t work if we didn’t have afterschool care for our son. Please restore funding for all children. Thank you. Dr. Tracey Jones

7. Name: Zaire Coles
   Comment: Hello, My name is Zaire Coles, and I attend Oakland High School. I am a part of the Shop 55 EBAYC Peer Mentor Program, and I would like to share the positive impact this program has had on my life. Being involved in this program has helped me grow into a more responsible, well-rounded, and genuine young man. Having supportive adults around me who truly care about my success has taught me the importance of self-worth, while also showing me how to give respect, support, and kindness to others. The program has also helped me gain confidence through the friendships and connections I built with other students in the program. Being surrounded by positive peers motivates me to come to school every day, push myself harder, and work toward becoming the best version of myself. Shop 55 has also supported me and my family financially by giving me opportunities to help with responsibilities at home. In addition, the program has provided guidance and encouragement while I dealt with personal struggles and challenges outside of school. Having trusted mentors and people I could talk to made a major difference in my mental and emotional well-being. Overall, the Shop 55 EBAYC Peer Mentor Program has truly changed my life, and I am thankful for all the opportunities, support, and valuable lessons it has given me. Thank you, Zaire Coles Oakland High School

8. Name: Dan Huang
   Comment: I am a parent with (Vincent, Vanessa, Vienna) who attend the (Laurel Elementary School) afterschool program. We are a low-income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our-children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program.

9. Name: Ms. Simmons
   Concert: Dear POC representative, I am a parent with Marley Simmons who attend the Laurel Elementary School Afterschool Program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults feel safe. l strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Thank you, Ms.Simmons

10. Name: Kirah Owusu
    Comment: Hello OFCY Board! I hope all is well, my name is Kirah Owusu. I'm a senior at Oakland High School and I'm a part of EBAYC/Shop 55 Peer Mentoring program. This program has been wonderful to me, I've made connections and new relationships I'll cherish for life. It gave me the opportunity to be a mentor and gave my mentees the opportunity to learn what being an upperclassman is like. This is my first job ever and I couldn't have asked for a better one, I learned so many things from everyone around me, including how to be a mental health advocate and a career navigator and more! If any funding becomes available, or any allocations of funding can be made in order to fund Shop 55 in the future, so many students would be grateful, and students will continue to have these amazing opportunities. Thank you for your time, best wishes Kirah Owusu

11. Name: Maia Teodrose
    Comment: Hello OFCY Board, My name is Maia Teodrose, I am a Public Health Senior currently attending Oakland High School in the Peer Mentoring program. I have been a mentor for two years now and could not imagine my life without with program. Not only has this Peer Mentoring program help me get to know more people around my school, it has opened up many opportunities like Mental Health Support programs to even providing education surrounding life after high school. I have built strong relationships with not only my students but staff. With that I have been able to navigate school much easier by learning how to balance my mental health with my education. Lastly, I think that more children should have the opportunity to experience this program. It shows students what it is like to be an upper class-men but most importantly teaches them true life skills. If there is any extra funding please consider Shop 55, it truly gives children a safe and fun space to attend! Hopefully you will consider continuing funding towards this program, Maia Teodrose

12. Name: Liz Powers
    Comments: Dear POC representative, I am an Oakland educator and a parent of a student who attend the Emerson Elementary after school program. We are a low-income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality after school programming. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have supportive adults and feel safe. I strong urge you to please restore funding to the Safe Passages program. Thank you for your consideration, Liz Powers

13. Name: Frances Chau
    Comment: Hello, I am a parent with two children enrolled in the Laura after school program. Our family is part of a low-income community and we rely on this funding to access a safe, high quality after school environment for our children. This program is more than childcare for us. It provides a consistent place where our children can learn, receive support from caring adults, and feel safe after school while we are at work. Without it, many families like mine would struggle to find an affordable and reliable alternative. I am respectfully asking that you restore funding to this program. It is a critical support for working families in our community, and it directly impacts the well-being and stability of our children. Frances Chau!

14. Name: Kara Furlong
    Comment: Hi Planning and Oversight Committee, I am a parent of a child at Emerson elementary, who attends their afterschool program. I understand that city funding is not being recommended to continue, which threatens the ability for my child to be in a safe, affordable afterschool environment next year. I strongly urge you to continue this funding for next year (and many years to come). Thank you, Kara Furlong Parent of a rising 3rd grader

15. Name: Tamara Rosset Shkurkin
    Comment: Hi there, I am a parent of a TK Student at Laurel Elementary, enrolled in both afterschool and before school care. As a family with two working parents, we rely heavily on Safe Passages, and the free integrated care as part of Laurel is one of the reasons we opted to go to Laurel, and stay in OUSD. Any cuts to aftercare directly impact this population and impact the already threatened enrollment in Oakland public schools. Tayla and the rest of the Safe Passages team already do so much to support our kids and our school. Please reconsider. Best, Tamara Rosset Shkurkin Oakland homeowner (Allendale Neighborhood) and OUSD Mom

16. Name: Amy Valerio
    Comment: Dear POC Representative, I am a parent with one student who attends the Laurel Elementary Afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in a quality afterschool program. This is a great support for

working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our program. Best, Amy Valerio

17. Name: Casey Linney
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent of a student who attend the Laurel Elementary School afterschool program. We are a low-income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Please help our students and families! This is absolutely necessary if you care about equity for our student's education. Thank you, Casey Schalich

18. Name: Megan Zapanta
    Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with of an autistic TK student who attends the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a low-income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. As the mother of a disabled child, I am grateful for how personal and comprehensive the program is. It provides a necessary safe support for our family. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Megan Zapanta

19. Name: Rachel Kafele
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent with two students who attend the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a low-income community and rely heavily on all of our funding to have our children in a quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our program. Sincerely, Rachel Kafele Parent of Seku (rising 3rd grader) and Asha (rising TK)

20. Name: Kimberly Woo
    Comment: I am a parent with 1 student who attend the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for workong families who need a place for our children to learn, having caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Sincerely, Kimberly Woo

21. Name: Lucia Jaffe
    Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with a child who attends the Laurel Elementary School afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel

safe. My child loves the afterschool program. She learns and is well cared for. We have participated in many of the programs and can attest to the quality of the care. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. -Lucia Jaffe

22. Name: Jeffrey Abercrombie
    Comment: Dear Rep Janani I am a parent of a student attending Laurel Elementary after school program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great sport for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. I urge you please watch the community response to the Oakland school board meeting last year when they pulled funding. The community relies so heavily on this bet popular program. And Oakland schools cannot afford to lose it. Jeff Laurel Elementary School district

23. Name: Anna Spurlock
    Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with two students who attend Laurel Elementary School afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on City of Oakland funding to provide services for afterschool care. This is critical support for working families with no other affordable options. The afterschool program provides a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. For our family in particular the afterschool program has been critical. One of our children has Type 1 diabetes and requires specialized care to actively manage her diabetes constantly. Type 1 diabetes results in very high or very low blood sugars regularly, especially in children, and can be life threatening if without constant monitoring and trained care. The integration of the afterschool program within OUSD enables school nurse care throughout critical afterschool hours. Without this our family, relying on income from both working parents, would have to pay for trained care that we couldn't afford, or one parent would have to not work during afterschool hours, thereby similarly making affording basic household expenses untenable. We are not alone with these type of needs. Affordable afterschool care is a critically necessary support for many families at our school and in our community. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our afterschool program. Anna Spurlock

24. Name: Joe Castagnola
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent with one child who attends the Laurel Elementary School afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all of our funding to have our children in a quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families like my neighbors and I who need a place for children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore funding to our program. Thank you, Joe Castagnola

25. Name: Preston Lee
    Comment: To Whom It May Concern, My name is Preston Lee, and I'm a student at Oakland High School. I currently work with the peer mentoring program led by Karla Verde, and it has helped me grow exponentially. Through this program, I've improved skills I never thought I could including time management, tutoring, and my own academics. I've found that helping others actually helps "engrave" that knowledge into my own brain. Working in this program is easily one of the best parts of my day. Karla has created an environment where we all feel connected, and many of us have become close friends. Personally, I've always been more introverted and had trouble engaging with others, but being a mentor has helped me put myself out there and build confidence. I'm so grateful for the experiences I've had through peer mentoring so far, and I can't wait to keep building these connections and meeting more people during my senior year! Best regards, Preston Lee

26. Name: Cole Eckerman
    Comment: Dear OFCY Planning and Oversight Committee, Please find the attached written public comment from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area regarding Agenda Item 6: Staff Recommendation for Year-Round Grant Awards for FY26-28.
    We respectfully request that this attached comment be shared with the Commissioners and entered into the public record for the upcoming meeting on May 6th. Thank you for your dedication to Oakland's children and youth. Sincerely, Cole (letter will be attached)

27. Name: Donna Anderson
    Comment: I am a grandparent of 3 students who attend the manzanita seed after school program. We rely heavily on funding to have this after school program. Please restore the funding to our program.

28. Name: Zachary Gallagher
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent with one student who attends the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Best, Zachary

29. Name: Adamaris Cruz-Cardenas
    Comment: Hello, My name is Adamaris Cruz and I'm a rising senior enrolled in Oakland high school. I have been part of the EBAYC peer mentoring program since my freshman year, and the positive impact it has had on me. During my first two years in the program,
    I received a great amount of support and that has helped me grow both personally and academically. My mentor provided me with advice, encouragement and resources to be

able to develop new skills and accomplish my goals. In my third year, I had the opportunity to give back to the program by also supporting underclassmen, who are new to the program or returning students. This program has helped me develop my leadership skills but also allowed me to give the support I received. The most important thing about being part of this program is that it's given me valuable connections with mentors. These relationships have been important in shaping my journey throughout highschool and created a stronger community in our school. Overall, the peer mentoring program has played a significant role in the past 3 year, I am grateful for the opportunities and the wonderful community it has built throughout the years. If there is any remaining funding available, we would really appreciate your consideration of shop 55 to continue to support this program and the students involved. Best Regards, Adamaris cruz

30. Name: Noam Rosen
    Comment: Dear Representative, I am a parent of 1 student attending Laurel Elementary after school program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Warm Regards, Noam Rosen

31. Name: Tom Richards
    Comment: Dear Planning an Oversight Committee, I am writing to express my strong support for the continued and expanded funding of the Laurel Elementary after-school program. As a parent of a child currently enrolled, I have seen firsthand the essential role this program plays in our community and in our children's daily lives. Reliable, high-quality after-school care is more than just a convenience; it is a vital resource that provides a safe and productive environment for students to grow. Our experience with the program has been incredibly positive, particularly regarding: Academic and Social Development: The structured time for homework assistance and peer interaction has helped my child build both confidence and essential social skills. Enrichment Opportunities: The variety of activities offered ensures that students remain engaged and motivated after the school day ends. Community Support: This program allows working parents to remain productive, knowing their children are in a secure, enriching environment. I believe that securing the necessary funding for the upcoming year is critical to maintaining the high standards of care and the diverse range of activities that make this program so successful. Investing in these after-school services is a direct investment in the future success and well-being of our students. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to supporting the families and children in our district. Sincerely, Tom Richards

32. Name: Ariceldi Juarez
    Comment: Hola soy Mamá de Jade Analy Solis que asista al programa extra escolar de la escuela Manzanita see somos una comunidad de bajos ingresos y dependemos en gran

medida de toda nuestra financiación para que nuestros hijos puedan participar en un programa.
Translation: Hello, I am the mother of Jade Analy Solis, who attends the after-school program at Manzanita School. We are a low-income community, and we rely heavily on all our funding so that our children can participate in a program.

33. Name: Hanlong Li
    Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with student ID # 451012 who attend the Laurel elementary afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Sincerely Li

34. Name: Ashley Settle
    Comment: Hi there, I am a parent of a TKer attending Laurel Elementary after school program. Laurel is a low income community and relies heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great spot for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Please do this asap! Ashley settle

35. Name: Jim Seishas
    Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with two students who attend Laurel Elementary School afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on City of Oakland funding to provide services for afterschool care. This is critical support for working families with no other affordable options. The afterschool program provides a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. For our family in particular the afterschool program has been critical. One of our children has Type 1 diabetes and requires specialized care to actively manage her diabetes constantly. Type 1 diabetes results in very high or very low blood sugars regularly, especially in children, and can be life threatening if without constant monitoring and trained care. The integration of the afterschool program within OUSD enables school nurse care throughout critical afterschool hours. Without this our family, relying on income from both working parents, would have to pay for trained care that we couldn't afford, or one parent would have to not work during afterschool hours, thereby similarly making affording basic household expenses untenable. We are not alone with these type of needs. Affordable afterschool care is a critically necessary support for many families at our school and in our community. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our afterschool program.

36. Name: Roy Castillo
    Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with 1 student who attend the Laurel afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to

have children in quality afterschool program. This is a hreat support for working families who need place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Best regards, Roy Castillo

37. Name: Sarah Johnson
    Comment: Dear OFCY committee, I am a parent of a student attending Laurel Elementary's after school program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in a quality afterschool program. This is a great program for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. The loss of it will hurt students, schools, and families. Thank you, Sarah Johnson

38. Name: Saromi Adesola
    Comment: I dont think the funding should be cut. thank you

39. Name: Azsa Stanley
    Comment: Dear POC Representative, I am a parent with 1 student who attends the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. We appreciate your consideration! Thank you

40. Name: Conrad Wenzel
    Name: To the Members of the Planning and Oversight Committee, I am a parent with a student who attends the Safe Passages afterschool program. We are a lower income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool programs. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our program. Thank you for your consideration, Conrad

41. Name: Conrad Wenzel
    Comment: To the Members of the Planning and Oversight Committee, I am a parent with a student who attends the Safe Passages afterschool program. We are a lower income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool programs. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our program. Thank you for your consideration, Conrad

42. Name: Jessica Johnson
    Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with 1 student who attend the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in a quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Jessica Johnson

43. Name: Miranda
    Comment: I am parent with a child who attend the (insert school name) afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Thank you, Miranda

44. Name: Makenda Miller
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent with a son who attends the Laurel after school program. We are a low-income community and rely heavily on funding to have our children in a quality after school program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn and have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our program. Both of my children have attended the Laurel after school program from TK through fifth grade. It would be a huge detriment to the Laurel community to lose this program.Thank you for your understanding and support Makenda Miller

45. Name: Dalai Sanchez-Flores
    Comment: Dear POC representatives I am a parent of two students attending Laurel Elementary after school program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great sport for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Thank you for your time. Dalai Saechao

46. Name: Josefina Ortiz
    Comment: Estimado representante del POC Soy madre de un estyduange que asisten al programa extraescolar de la escuela Madison Park Academy Primary. Somos una comunidad de bajos ingresos y dependemos en gran medida de toda nuestra financiación para que nuestros hijos puedan participar en un programa extraescolar de calidad. Este programa representa un gran apoyo para las familias trabajadoras que necesitamos un lugar donde nuestros hijos puedan aprender, estar rodeados de adultos atentos y sentirse seguros. Le suplico que, por favor, restablezca la financiación para nuestro programa. Sinceramente, Josefina

Translation: Dear POC Representative, I am the mother of a student who attends the after-school program at Madison Park Academy Primary. We are a low-income community, and we rely heavily on all our funding so that our children can participate in a high-quality after-school program. This program provides vital support for working families like ours, who need a place where our children can learn, be surrounded by caring adults, and feel safe. I implore you to please reinstate the funding for our program. Sincerely, Josefina

47. Name: Jim Malamut
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent of a student who attends the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. It would not be possible to send her to OUSD if it were not for this program. Both my partner and I work full time and have no family support in the area to help with childcare. Without the aftercare program, we would have to move out of Oakland to send our daughter to school. I know many other families in this neighborhood who are in the same situation. This is an essential support for working families in Oakland. Please restore funding to our afterschool program. Sincerely, Jim Malamut

48. Name: Anthony Valerio
    Comment: Dear Mr. Hutchinson, I am a parent of a student attending Laurel Elementary after school program with SafePassages. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Anthony Valerio (he/him/his)

49. Name: Berdia Miller
    Comment: Dear Oakland Unified School District I am writing as a parent to ask that you please continue supporting afterschool programs in our schools. These programs are not just helpful, they are necessary for families like mine. As a working parent, I rely on afterschool programs to make sure my children are in a safe and structured environment after the school day ends. Like many families, my work hours do not line up with school dismissal times. Knowing my children are supervised, supported, and cared for gives me peace of mind and allows me to provide for my family without constant worry. Afterschool programs also make a real difference in my children's education. They get help with homework, extra time to understand what they are learning, and opportunities to grow in ways that go beyond the classroom. I have seen how this support builds their confidence and keeps them engaged in school. These programs are also important for their social and emotional growth. They are able to connect with other students, build relationships with caring adults, and develop important life skills like teamwork and responsibility. It is more than just a place to stay, it is a space where they continue to learn and grow. Without afterschool programs, many families would be put in a very difficult position. Finding affordable and reliable childcare is not easy, and for some, it is simply not an option.

Cutting these programs would create stress not just for parents, but for students who depend on that consistency and support.I am asking you to please consider the impact these programs have on real families. Afterschool programs support not just students, but entire households and the community as a whole. Thank you for taking the time to hear a parent's perspective and for your continued commitment to our children. Warm regards, Berdia Miller Parent of Oakland Unified School District

50. Name: Monica Castillo
    Comment: Dear POC Representative, I am a parent of one student attending Laurel Elementary after school program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Thank you, Monica

51. Name: Sadie McGarvey
    Comment: Dear Planning and Oversight Committee Representative, I am a parent of two children enrolled in the Laurel Elementary School afterschool program, and I am writing to urge you to restore this critical funding. Laurel serves a predominantly low-income community where many families rely on programs like this not as a convenience, but as an essential support for working parents. In Oakland, a large share of children live in households where all caregivers work, and access to safe, structured afterschool care is directly tied to student safety, academic success, and family stability. Research consistently shows that high-quality afterschool programs improve school attendance, reduce behavioral issues, and provide a safe environment during the peak hours for juvenile crime and victimization (roughly 3–6 p.m.). For families like mine, this program ensures our children are not only supervised, but engaged in learning, supported by caring adults, and given opportunities they might not otherwise have. At Laurel Elementary, this program is a lifeline. Without it, many families will be left without safe or affordable options, placing children at risk and forcing parents into impossible choices between work and caregiving. In a city where equity and opportunity are core values, maintaining funding for programs serving our most vulnerable communities should be a priority. I respectfully urge you to reconsider and restore funding to the Laurel Elementary afterschool program so our children can continue to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and supportive environment. Sincerely, Mercedes Gaffney

52. Name: Ariel Tuscano
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent with 1 student who attends the Laurel Elementary afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in a quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our program. Ariel Tuscano

53. Name: Maybelline Ceron Castellanos
    Comment: My name is Maybelline Ceron, I'm a rising senior enrolled in Oakland High School. I've been part of the EBAYC peer mentoring program since my freshman year. This program has provided me support since my 9th grade year. During my freshman and sophomore year I was a mentee, I received a lot of academic and emotional support from my mentor. This program helped me build trust and support in my community. I was able to make new friends where I felt like I belonged and connected with. It created a positive environment for me because I was never excluded in the program. I'm now currently a mentor providing all the support that I was once given too. I wanted to thank for all support provided, OFCY because of the peer mentoring program I been part of this program that created a positive impact in my life and helped me a lot to achieve my goals throughout my 9th and 10th grade and now proving my help to make other students academic better and successful. If there any remaining funds please consider SHOP 55, so they can keep having these programs that provide help to students throughout their school years. Best regards, Maybelline Ceron

54. Name: Aronica Crosby
    Comment: I'm a parent with 2 students who attended East Oakland Pride after school program we are low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool programs this is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn have caring adults and feel safe I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program.

55. Name: Jim Scanlon
    Comment: Dear POC representatives: I am a caregiver for a student who attends the East Oakland Pride Elementary school. we are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in a quality after school program. this is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you restore the funding for the Safe Passages program that is needed for so many families including my own. Thank you for your efforts to help in this important matter. James Scanlon

56. Name: Tiffany Jordan
    Comment: Dear POC Representative, I am a parent of 2 students attending Laurel Elementary after school program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program.
    This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe, especially school district and city/government employees like my husband and me. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Thank you! Tiffany Jordan

57. Name: Cecilia Vasquez
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent of a students attending Laurel Elementary after school program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great sport for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Cecilia Vasquez

58. Name: Cal
    Comment: I am a parent with 3 kids who attend the laurel elementary after school program. We are low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality after school programs. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn , have a caring adult and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program.

59. Name: Cristian Hernandez
    Comment: Dear POC representative: I am a parent with 1 child who attend the manzanita seed afterschool program. We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program

60. Name: Daniel Erwin
    Comment: I heard funding for after school programs may have slipped through the cracks. My kid goes to manzanita seed and I rely on safe passages - it is sufficient and better than the other one from last year. Please ensure school extends til the end of the working day - even better if you can make the working day shorter instead! Thanks, Daniel Erwin

61. Name: Kevin Potter
    Comment: Dear POC Representative, I am a parent of a kindergarten student who attends Laurel Elementary School's afterschool program. We are a low-income community who rely heavily on funding to support our children in a quality after school program. The program provides support for working families who need a place for our children to learn and grow, led by caring adults, in a safe environment. I urge you to restore the funding to our program. Thank you for your consideration, Kevin Potter

62. Name: Evyan Sloane
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent of two students attending Laurel Elementary after school program. We rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality afterschool program. This is a great sport for working families who need a place for our children to learn, have caring adults, and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program. Thank you, Evyan Sloane

63. Name: Oletta Reed
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent with a student who attends the Laurel Elementary after-school program. We are an underserved community that relies heavily on all of our funding to have our children in quality after-school programs. This is a great support for working families who need a place for our children to learn with caring adults who make them feel safe. I strongly urge you to please restore the funding to our program. Sincerely, Oletta M. Reed

64. Name: Brian Austin
    Comment: Dear POC representative, I am a parent of a student who attends the afterschool program at Laurel Elementary. Our school is part of a low income community and relies heavily on all its funding to include its students in quality afterschool programs. This is a great support for working families like mine who need a place for their children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you to restore the funding to our program. Brian Austin

65. Name: Melanie Richards
    Comment: To whom it may concern, I am writing as a concerned parent within the Oakland Unified School District to strongly oppose the proposed funding cuts for our after-school programs. Our school's After School Program (ASP) is an essential resource for families. It provides enriching environments that prioritize play and development, offering much more than just supervision. In what is already a difficult financial year for many in our community, losing this program would place an immense financial burden on parents. Without it, many children will be left with substandard care or, worse, no care at all. Beyond the immediate impact on families, these programs serve as a vital safety net. By keeping students engaged in a safe and educational setting, the community proactively prevents the risks associated with unsupervised time. These programs are the foundation of support for our families, our community, and society as a whole. I urge you to reconsider these cuts and maintain the funding necessary to keep our children safe and supported. Sincerely, Melanie Richards

66. Name: Shawnrika White
    Comment: Dear POC representative I'm a parent with one student whose attend pride afterschool program.We are a low income community and rely heavily on all our funding to have our children in quality after school program. This is a great support for working families who need a place for are children to learn, have caring adults and feel safe. I strongly urge you please restore the funding to our program

67. Name: Jordan Schalich
    Comment: Urgent Laurel Aftercare Funding Thank you, Jordan Schalich

68. Name: Thomas Johnson
    Comment: I AM A PARENT WITH 1 STUDENT WHO ATTENDS THE EAST OAKLAND PRIDE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM. WE ARE A LOW INCOME COMMUNITY AND RELY HEAVILY ON ALL OUR FUNDING TO HAVE OUR CHILDREN IN QUALITY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS. THIS IS GREAT SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES WHO NEED A PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO LEARN, HAVE CARING ADULTS AND FEELING SAFE. I STRONGLY URGE YOU PLEASE RESTORE THE FUNDING TO OUR PROGRAM.

69. Name: Jill Potter
    Comment: Dear POC Representative, I am a parent of a kindergarten student who attends Laurel Elementary School's afterschool program. We are a low-income community who rely heavily on funding to support our children in a quality after school program. The program provides support for working families who need a place for our children to learn and grow, led by caring adults, in a safe environment. I urge you to restore the funding to our program. Thank you for your consideration, Jill Potter

70. Name: Morgan Pulleyblank
    Comment: Dear POC Representative, I am a parent of a rising kindergarten student at Laurel Elementary, a Title 1 school. I was shocked to hear that you are considering defending the after school program that we depend on. In all honesty, I don't know what we will do without it. Please reconsider funding this vital program. Morgan Pulleyblank