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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the North Port Commission

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TITLE: Approve the 2022 Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge Memorandum of Understanding Between the Patterson Foundation and the City of North Port, Florida to Support the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading within Summer Camp.

Recommended Action

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Background Information

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is a communitywide effort to help all children, especially those from low-income families, succeed in school by ensuring they read on grade level by the third grade. Research indicates that while school is not in session during the summer months, children lose two or more months of reading skills. Through this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Patterson Foundation will provide funding and strategic resources to the City of North Port George Mullen Activity Center (GMAC) Summer Camp to help preserve and strengthen GMAC campers reading skills. Funding from this program is based on the number of elementary school-age children enrolled in camp and the number of weeks camp is in session.

Parks & Recreation has participated in this program for the past four years. Last summer, 168 campers participated and read over 4,175 grade-level appropriate books within the shortened eight-week summer camp session. Testing by the schools at the start of the 2021-22 school year indicated that 100% of the GMAC campers that participated in the program retained 100% of their reading skills over the break. In total, the City received \$11,057.18 in funding via this program for 2021 and since the program's implementation in 2018, the City has received an average of \$8,000 annually.

In preparation for this year's camp program, staff attended additional training and will provide a curriculum to summer camp participants that enhance reading skills and delivers reading activities for summer campers.

The proposed agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney as to form and content.

Strategic Plan

Develop and promote City governance that fosters trust and utilizes departmental strengths and innovative philosophies to facilitate effective and efficient provision of all City services.

Financial Impact

The City of North Port anticipates receiving approximately \$9,000 in funding to provide reading materials, promote summer reading, or compensate educators, authors, or other providers that support this program at GMAC. The City is not required to match any funding extended through this agreement.

Procurement

The appropriate procurement paperwork will be completed in compliance with purchasing policies and procedures before making purchases.

Attachments:

1. 2022 MOU Suncoast Reading Challenge

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