

Priority: Education
Program Offer Type: New Program
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: Library
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

School Corps works to support students' academic success by introducing and guiding K-12 students, parents and educators through the library's high-quality books and electronic resources. This enhanced offer allows increased outreach to parents, SUN schools, and other after-school sites; decreases the time required to respond to educators' book collection requests; and adds bilingual (Spanish/English) service to the School Corps program.

Program Description

This enhanced offer adds 1.0 FTE bilingual (Spanish/English) staff to connect Spanish-speaking parents & caregivers with library resources available to help students succeed. A new brochure to use at parent presentations will highlight library resources for students. This enhanced offer also improves the availability of library service to SUN and other after-school sites. Gradual staffing cuts in the School Corps program since its inception 9 years ago resulted in an increase from 2 weeks to 3 in the lead time educators must allow to request and receive classroom book collections. School Corps therefore can't serve educators with tight timelines or last minute requests, and causes dissatisfaction with long-term users of the service. This enhanced offer restores the previous 2-week lead time, responding to customer service needs in a more timely manner.

Program Justification

Current staffing levels limit School Corps' capacity to work with parents & after-school sites in support of the Education strategies 2 & 4 ("Prepare children to learn, either directly or by assisting parents and caregivers" and "Promote student performance beyond the fifth grade targeting students who are performing below standards"). Parents, especially immigrants, are often unaware of the vast free resources at the library to help students. This enhanced offer connects bilingual staff with Spanish-speaking parents & caregivers to create awareness of library resources and how they support academic success. The offer increases outreach to SUN & other after-school programs by offering additional homework & research-related learning opportunities and helping to keep students engaged in a productive and positive learning environment after the school day. It links to the Education Outcome Team strategies 4 & 5 ("Promote student performance beyond the fifth grade targeting students who are performing below standards" and "Bridge the gaps and break down the barriers to help all youth attend, engage, and succeed in school").

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	School Corps contacts with students, parents & educators (duplicated)	0	0	0	20,000
Outcome	% of parents who attend training who report learning about new lib resources	0%	0%	0%	95%
Efficiency	Turnaround time for book collections (in weeks)	3	3	3	2
Output	Bilingual contacts with students & parents (duplicated)	0	0	0	1,500

Performance Measure - Description

Measure one counts all contacts with students, parents and educators in school and during out-of-school hours. Data for measure two comes from a parent survey distributed after programs. Because School Corps hasn't offered bilingual service before, "Bilingual contacts with students & parents" is a new measure for FY07. Measure four counts bilingual contacts with students and parents in school and during out-of-school hours.

Legal/Contractual Obligation**Revenue/Expense Detail**

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$76,292	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$7,050	\$0
Internal Services	\$0	\$0	\$3,052	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$86,394	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$0	\$86,394	\$0
Program Total:	\$0		\$86,394	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$86,394	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$86,394	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

This enhanced offer would be funded by an additional transfer from the General Fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: