

**Lead Agency:** County Human Services

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**Program Offer Type:** Innovative/New Program

**Related Programs:**

**Program Characteristics:** One-Time-Only Request

**Executive Summary**

This program offer supports funding a quasi-experimental evaluation of SUN Community Schools through a one-time-only investment.

**Program Description**

The SUN Community Schools (SUNCS) initiative has been in operation since the late 1990s. Over the years data has been collected and analyzed to demonstrate the benefits of program participation for students who engage in the many extended day activities offered through SUNCS. However, the County, nor its partners in SUN, has not been able to develop and carry out a quasi-experimental evaluation of this initiative. Such an evaluation can inform cause and effect of program participation: do the students who participate in SUNCS fare better academically than those who do not?

At this writing, the exact type of evaluation is not solidified. There are key questions about SUNCS that have surfaced over the years, and it is likely that some or many of these will be addressed in this evaluation. These include (this is not an exhaustive list): Are the right children and youth being served in SUNCS programming? How to children and youth who participate in SUNCS programming compare to students who don't participate? How do different lengths of participation impact academic outcomes? Does participation in certain types of extended day programming result in stronger outcomes? How do service outcomes compare across student populations? What impact does SUNCS participation have on the achievement gap? On attendance? How do students who participate in SUNCS fare over time?

The SUN Service System Division will engage with an outside entity to develop and conduct this quasi-experimental evaluation.

**Performance Measures**

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY11-12)	Current Year Purchased (FY12-13)	Current Year Estimate (FY12-13)	Next Year Offer (FY13-14)
Output	Evaluation partner identified	0	0	0	0
Outcome	Quasi-experimental evaluation is conducted & results disseminated	0	0	0	0

**Performance Measure - Description**

Both of these measures are generally outputs. It is impossible to state what the results of an evaluation would be; conducting the evaluation and disseminating the results are reasonable for this particular project.

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

	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>	<b>Proposed General Fund</b>	<b>Proposed Other Funds</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	2013	2013	2014	2014
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Program Total:	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Total Revenue:	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation of Revenues**

\$50,000 County General Fund (OTO)

**Significant Program Changes**

**Last year this program was:**

New program offer.