

RESOLUTION NO. 13-179 N.C.

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 CIP BUDGET, AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COLLEGE BOUND VALLEJO (PB B2 PROJECT)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vallejo as follows:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 12-064 N.C. the City Council of the City of Vallejo declared its intent to establish a Participatory Budgeting process with the allocation of 30% of the 1% sales tax monies, Measure B funds, collected over a 15 month period from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of the Participatory Budgeting election process, the results were presented to this Council on May 28, 2013, and twelve projects were selected by the public, including 'College Bound Vallejo' as described in the 'Description of Voter Approved Project Proposal' attached to the staff report on that date, hereinafter, the "Project"; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 12-138 N.C. the Council adopted the Participatory Budgeting Rulebook determining that Participatory Budgeting Projects are eligible for funding if they meet the following criteria:

1. They benefit the public.
2. Are a one-time expenditure that can be completed with funds from the FY 2012-2013 budget.
3. Are implemented by the City of Vallejo, or in collaboration with the Vallejo City Unified School District, the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, or any other Public Agency, non-profit organization, or religious institution that operates in Vallejo. Projects implemented by a non-city public agency must also include financial or value in kind contributions. Projects implemented by non-profit organizations or religious institutions must also meet the eligibility guidelines used by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, local government leaders are in a unique position to promote education, outreach and awareness of higher education and scholarship opportunities for resident high school youth; and

WHEREAS, by increasing opportunities to attend college, the City of Vallejo will be assisting recipients to improve their average annual income by \$10,000 (Associate Degree holders) and \$32,000 (Bachelor Degree holders), and potentially lower average unemployment rates from 10.3 percent (High School graduates only) to as low as 7 percent (Associate Degree holders) or 5.4 percent (Bachelor Degree holders¹), thus increasing the relative wealth of the residents and the community of Vallejo; and

¹ *Why Go to College?* Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, unpublished tables, 2012.

WHEREAS, limited access to resources and assistance is a major obstacle for 61 percent of Vallejo residents who have a High School Diploma but were not able to earn a Bachelor's degree²; and

WHEREAS, requiring 150 hours of community service from scholarship recipients would provide a benefit to the general City of Vallejo resident and business population; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2013 City Council approved a Resolution of Intention to amend the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Council has received evidence and testimony on the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Vallejo finds the foregoing recitals to be true and additionally finds that implementing this Project will provide a public benefit based on the recitals above, and will offer educational and community service benefits to the public by providing opportunities to:

- Educate Vallejo resident youth.
- Engage Vallejo resident youth to learn about higher education opportunities available in Vallejo.
- Provide a public benefit through engagement in a local community service program.
- Improve social and economic well-being through higher education opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following conditions must be met prior to the disbursement of funds for each project recipient:

1. City staff will determine eligibility requirements and the administrative process for scholarships, with an initial budget of \$300,000 to be used directly to fund 75 scholarships of up to \$2,000 per year for two years. City staff will collaborate with the Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) to make available scholarships for all Vallejo resident students admitted to college as described below.
2. Scholarships will be awarded to Vallejo students who can present proof of admission to a 2 year or 4 year WASC certified college located within 75 miles of Vallejo, and proof of Vallejo Residency.
3. Scholarships will be awarded without reference to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, citizenship, ethnicity, pregnancy, familial status, disability or sexual orientation.
4. Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the 2 or 4 year institution on behalf of the enrolling student as part of his/her financial aid package.
5. Scholarship recipients must perform 150 hours of community service within the City of Vallejo, a proportional share of which will need to be completed prior to each semester/quarter for receipt of scholarship funds.
6. Additional eligibility criteria may be required by the City, with the goal of making these scholarships available to as many qualifying Vallejo resident students as possible in order to advance their higher education.
7. The City will award VCUSD a \$20,000 grant to fund high school enrichment services (i.e. assistance with applying for college, financial aid and the scholarship program), management of recipient community service requirements and additional support services for scholarship recipients. However, students are not required to participate in

² U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts, 2011.

the high school enrichment services program to be eligible for the scholarships. Pursuant to Cal.Gov. Code § 1090, no person who participated in any capacity (whether as a delegate, proponent or advisor) during the Participatory Budgeting Process for this Project may personally benefit by receipt of any funds contained in any scholarship or agreement for this Project authorized by this resolution.

8. Grant/scholarship/service agreement(s) in amounts consistent with this resolution and which incorporate(s) above principles will be required to be executed, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that subject to the findings and the conditions set forth in this resolution, the City Council hereby:

1. Amends the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 General Fund and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets, redistributing \$320,000 from Project Number PB-000 in the CIP Budget to the City's General Fund to implement the Project, and, authorize the City Manager the administrative authority to determine eligibility, disburse funds, and to take any and all required actions to implement the Project, consistent with this Resolution, the Vallejo Municipal Code, the PB Rule book and any other applicable authority, and additionally authorizes the City Manager to amend the project so as to ultimately promote the goals of the Project as set forth in the 'Description of voter-approved Project Proposal'.
2. Directs the City Manager to report to the City Council once all funds have been expended and the project is complete.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Vallejo at a regular meeting held on November 19, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Davis, Vice Mayor Gomes and Councilmembers Brown, Malgapo, McConnell, Sampayan, and Sunga
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



OSBY DAVIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON, CITY CLERK