



## Participatory Budgeting (PB) Cycle 7 Proposal Decision

### Background

PB was put on hold as of March 2020. The Cycle 7 PB vote did not occur as planned given the high reliance on in-person outreach efforts for community engagement.

As of January 2021, the PB Steering Committee is considering how to proceed with Cycle 7 voting. They will be reviewing the Cycle 7 proposals at the March Steering Committee meeting and deciding on the next steps, including which proposals to include in the Cycle 7 vote given the decrease in allocated program funds. A request was made to reach out to all budget delegates to ask if they would like to update their proposal, have it considered in Cycle 8, or withdraw it. The PBSC will use this information to inform their decision-making.

### Instructions

Please complete the form indicating your preference in moving forward with your proposal and submit it by February 8, 2021.

Please email [Felicia.Flores@cityofvallejo.net](mailto:Felicia.Flores@cityofvallejo.net) with any questions.

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Proposal Name: ROBBIN MACKBEE FIREFIGHTER/EMS YOUTH ACADEMY

Budget Delegates

TANYA HALL

Implementing Partner

SOLUTIONS FOR AT RISK YOUTH % BYRON BERHEL

Our team would like to:

- Update our proposal and submit it by March 5<sup>th</sup> for consideration in Cycle 7
- Have our proposal be considered for Cycle 8
- Withdraw our proposal

Comments

THE ONLY CHANGES WILL BE ON THE TIMELINE WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

1. Project Title: The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter/EMS Youth Academy

2. Total Budget: \$60,000

3. Names of all the delegates from your committee that worked on the proposal:

Tanya Hall, Demetrio Jayme, William Richerson, Pablo Hernandez

4. Email-

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5. Type of Project: Program and Service

6. Detailed project description:

The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter/EMS Youth Academy is a youth development and mentoring program that provides public safety career exploration and training to middle school and high school-aged students who face academic, social and/or economic challenges. The fundamental principles of the program are academic achievement, community service and self-discipline. All participants receive exposure to a variety of public safety careers and training in fire safety and life-saving skills while serving their community to make it safer and more resilient. A public safety academic pathway has been created for youth who are interested in public safety careers as an emergency medical technician (EMT), paramedic, firefighter or nurse.

Middle school and high school-aged youth from Vallejo schools will be provided an opportunity to participate in this nine-month program. Many of the youth will be at risk of academic, social and/or economic failure. At least 51% of participants will be title 1 students and come from low to moderate income households as determined by the school free/reduced lunch provision. Outreach to students will be made with the assistance of the VCUSD. Additional outreach will be made through our website, faith-based and other youth-servicing community based organizations, as well as, the Vallejo Times Herald.

All students will be required to complete an extensive application process without any promise or guarantee of acceptance. The youth will meet with firefighters each Saturday morning from March to November, where they will; obtain awareness of public safety careers; participate in hands-on firefighting and safety training; learn about community emergency response and preparedness; learn life-saving skills of first-aid and CPR; all occurring with the support and participation of the Vallejo Fire Department and Medic Ambulance Company in a structured and disciplined environment. In addition,

cadets will also develop life skills to help them navigate many of the social obstacles and impediments to their success

This mentoring program is being implemented in honor of fallen firefighter Robbin Mackbee who was a City of Vallejo Firefighter killed in service his community on July 28, 1980. Robbin spent numerous hours, when not serving as a firefighter, tutoring and mentoring youth in his spare time.

Program outcomes have been very encouraging and success has been demonstrated as participants have increased their grade point average while decreasing their school absenteeism and discipline referrals. Improved behavior at home has also been reported by parents and primary caregivers. More than 85% of the past cadets continued their education beyond high school and several graduates of the program went on to become successful, professional firefighters.

Another program outcomes is based upon our commitment to community service. In addition to the development of our youth we are providing opportunities for participants of the program to have a greater impact on the entire community. Cadets are trained in some basic fire prevention and safety topics. Our cadets and “Sparky the friendly fire dog”, with the assistance of the Vallejo Fire Department Fire Prevention and Safety trailer, trained over 1000 children and family members at various community events. In 2020, we are taking our community service project to the elementary schools where they will teach over 3,000 students within the next 18 months.

The most recent modification to the program outcomes is with the dedicated career pathway. In cooperation with Solano Community College, high school students will be encouraged to enroll in fire science and technology courses that are being newly offered at Solano Community College’s Vallejo campus. Our goal is to assist high school students obtain their Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification upon graduation from high school. This outcome will give students a head-start in their career training and provide additional work experience options with agencies like Medic Ambulance, Cal Fire, California Conservation Corps and the U.S. Forest Service, while they continue their post-high school education. In addition to providing exploration into the career of firefighting, utilizing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts, the youth development portion of the curriculum further serves to develop the character of the cadet. Positive role models from the fire and emergency medical services mentor cadets in a coaching style to promote some of the core factors that will enable youth to become productive, socially responsible adults.

Empowering youth as a resource to enhance public safety and fire prevention is a very unique approach and efficient method of meeting several social challenges. With the assistance of dedicated firefighters, educators, and funders, youth who were once at risk will become civic assets, rather than liabilities, taking responsibility for their lives, their families and their communities.

7. Why is this project needed?

Youth who reside in urban communities like Vallejo are often more at risk of academic, social and/or economic failure. The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter/EMS Youth Academy provides alternative resources and opportunities that will redirect and guide youth to successfully complete high school and continue their education and become gainfully employed in a public safety or health professional.

Too often the youth of Vallejo are not provided the proper guidance, resources and opportunities to explore careers in public safety. Nor are they provided with opportunities to serve their community as an advocate for public safety. The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter EMS/Youth Academy allows youth to become a meaningful part of Vallejo's fire prevention and public safety equation. Fire and emergency medical service professionals to provide information and life-saving skills that that will enhance the level of safety awareness and emergency preparedness in their home, at their school, and throughout the community.

8. How will the project address or solve this need and/or problem?

This project is all about teamwork. The Solutions For At Risk Youth provides program administration, staffing, development, oversight, and program evaluation. The Vallejo Fire Department provides facilities and personnel as subject matter experts who will provide public safety instruction to youth of the program. A portion of the curriculum includes Fire Science/Behavior and extinguishment; CPR and First-aid; Earthquake and Disaster preparedness. Firefighters will demonstrate firefighting skills and share their profession with youth who are considering a career in the fire and emergency medical services.

The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter EMS/Youth Academy not only helps develop Vallejo's youth to become a meaningful part of Vallejo's fire prevention and public safety equation but contributes also to the development an individual's empowerment. Providing opportunities for youth to learn, develop, and grow while assisting in the efforts of public safety, is an exceptional approach and efficient method of meeting social challenges. A public safety career pathway has been established with the support of the Vallejo City Unified School District and Solano Community College. Through efforts such as The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter EMS/Youth Academy our youth who were once at-risk, can now become an asset to their community.

9. How will residents, visitors, groups, communities, geographic areas, or the City of Vallejo benefit from this project?

The Robbin Mackbee Firefighter/EMS Youth Academy benefits the various communities that make up the very fabric that is Vallejo by helping youth to succeed in school, at home and at work. The program

will also enhance public safety through fire prevention and emergency response training, as well as promote general community service.

The youth benefit by being in a much better position to graduate from high school and continue their education beyond high school. The entire community benefits by enhanced public safety through fire prevention, emergency response training, promoting community service and the development of peer role models.

10. Describe the potential challenges and/or obstacles for this project

Since its founding in 2015 the Robbin Mackbee Firefighter/EMS Youth Academy has successfully provided the youth of Vallejo with a vital means to grow and succeed. The Robin Mackbee Firefighter/EMS Youth Academy's greatest challenge, like many other valuable non-profits, is funding. Based on the organization's operational record we are confident that with the financial support provided by the City of Vallejo Participatory Budget that there are NO obstacles that will prevent another successful year for this essential endeavor.

11. Who will implement the project?

The City of Vallejo

Vallejo Fire Department

Solutions For At Risk Youth

Medic Ambulance Company

Vallejo City Unified School District

Solano Community College

12. Where will the project be implemented?

Vallejo Fire Department Training Center

13. Project Budget

Instruction	\$14,400
Cadet Uniforms.	\$11,400
Books and Academic supplies	\$ 6,000
Fire House Breakfast	\$ 9,600
Recreation and Enrichment Activities	\$ 8,600

Recognition and Awards Event \$10,000

Total proposed budget \$60,000

<b>Section 13 Itemized Project Budget</b>			
<b>Instruction</b> \$14,400 \$50/hr x 4 hrs/week + 4hr prep =\$400/wk x 36 weeks= \$14,400			
<b>Cadet Uniforms</b> \$11,400			
2 uniform t-shirts	60 @\$10 ea. =	\$ 600.00	
1 pair of boots	30 @\$40 ea. =	\$ 1,200.00	
1 uniform dress shirt*	30 @\$40 ea. =	\$ 1,200.00	
1 pair of black pants *	30 @\$40 ea. =	\$ 1,200.00	
1 black belt*	30 @\$15 ea. =	\$ 450.00	
1 black tie*	30 @ \$15 ea. =	\$ 450.00	
1 name tag	30 @ \$10 ea. =	\$ 300.00	
2 uniform patches*	60 @ \$10 ea. =	\$ 600.00	
1 uniform badge	30 @ \$50 ea. =	\$ 1,500.00	
1 pair of work gloves*	30 @ \$25 ea. =	\$ 750.00	
1 safety helmet*	30 @ \$25 ea. =	\$ 750.00	
1 safety goggles*	30 @ \$20 ea. =	\$ 600.00	
1 sweat shirt	30 @ \$30 ea. =	\$ 900.00	
1 wildland safety jacket*	30 @ \$75 ea. =	\$ 2,250.00	
(* indicates items that will be retained by the Vallejo Fire Dept.)			
<b>Books and Academic supplies</b> \$6000			
Cadet Handbook 30@ \$25 ea =			\$750
Introduction to the Fire Service \$70 x 10 =			\$700
Firefighter Safety and Survival \$115 x 10 =			\$1,150
Emergency Medical Responder \$70 x 10 =			\$700
Emergency Medical Responder workbook \$73 x 10 =			\$730
Miscellaneous school/office supplies/printing			\$450
2 Prestan Take2 CPR Manikin & Ultra Trainer Kit@ 759.95 ea			\$1,520
<b>Breakfast</b> \$9,600			
35 people x \$7.50 per meal x 36 weeks =			\$ 9,450.00
30 cadets, 5 mentors			
Kitchen suplies =			\$ 150.00

<b>Recreation and Enrichment Activities \$8,600</b>			
Transportation			
Overnight Lodging			
Food			
Instruction			
<b>Fun Day!</b>			
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom:			
40 admission tickets at \$50 each =			\$ 2,000.00
40 meals @ \$15 ea.=			\$ 600.00
Total:			\$ 2,600.00
<b>Recognition and Awards Benefit \$10,000</b>			
Facility rental fees			\$ 3,000.00
Publicity			\$ 1,500.00
Catering 150 meals @ \$30/ea. =			\$ 4,500.00
Entertainment			\$ 500.00
Awards and recognition			\$ 500.00
<b>Total Request:</b>			\$ 60,000.00

#### **14. Complete Project Timeline/Schedule.**

##### **2020**

Fiscal Q. 1: Contract signing

Fiscal Q. 1: Outreach to partner organizations

Fiscal Q. 2: November Recruitment

Fiscal Q. 2: December Recruitment, Leadership training

##### **2021**

Fiscal Q. 3: January Recruitment/selection process; Leadership training; MLK March

Fiscal Q. 3: February Selection process; Uniform and supplies purchased; Leadership training

Fiscal Q. 3: March Program start; Fire Service Awareness,

Fiscal Q. 4: April Fire Behavior; (C.S. elementary school)

Fiscal Q. 4: May Fire Extinguishment; (C.S. elementary school)

Fiscal Q. 4: June EMS Olympics (Basic First Aid; CPR) (C.S. Juneteenth Festival)

**Fiscal year 2021-2022)**

Fiscal Q. 1: July EMS Olympics (Basic First Aid; CPR) (C.S. Fourth of July)

Fiscal Q. 1: August EMS Olympics (Basic First Aid; CPR)/Earthquake and Disaster Prep

Fiscal Q. 1: September Earthquake and Disaster Prep; (C.S. Visions of the Wild Festival)

Fiscal Q. 2: October Earthquake and Disaster Prep; (C.S. Waterfront Festival)

Fiscal Q. 2: November Program conclusion: Awards and Recognition Event

Fiscal Q. 2: December Holiday Parade; Leadership training

(C.S. = Community Service)

**Robbin Mackbee Firefighter/EMS Youth Academy**  
**Revised Program Timeline**  
(Revised 3/1/21)

**2021**

- March** Outreach to partner organizations  
(Vallejo Fire Dept., Medic Ambulance Co., VCUSD)  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health, and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy curriculum production
- April** Virtual Academy Begins  
Academy topic: Fire service, fire science, and fire behavior, (w/ VFD)  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy production
- May** Hybrid Academy Begins  
Academy topic: Fire Prevention and Extinguishment w/VFD)  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy production
- June** *Cycle 7 Contract signing*  
Hybrid Academy continues  
Academy topic:  
Emergency Medical Services(EMS) Olympics begin (Medic  
Ambulance Co.)  
CPR and First-Aid Training  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy production
- July** Hybrid Academy continues  
Academy topic:  
EMS Olympics w/ Medic Ambulance Co.  
CPR and First-Aid Training  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy production
- Aug** Hybrid Academy continues  
Academy topic:  
EMS Olympics begin w/ Medic Ambulance Co.  
CPR and First-Aid Training  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy production

- Sept.** Hybrid Academy continues  
Academy topic: Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness  
CERT Community Emergency Response Training  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy production
- Oct.** Hybrid Academy continues  
Academy topic: Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness  
CERT Community Emergency Response Training  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy production
- Nov.** Conclusion of 2021 Academy  
Awards and Recognition Event  
Recruitment for 2022 Academy  
Media Arts Bootcamp Training
- Dec.** Recruitment for 2022 Academy  
Media Arts Bootcamp Training  
Youth Development and Leadership training

## **2022**

- Jan.** Recruitment/selection process;  
Youth Development and Leadership training  
"MLK March" and Community Service Activity (TBD)  
Media Arts Program (MAP)  
Community Service Project: "Youth on Safety, Health and Wellness"  
Virtual Academy production
- Feb.** Selection process of 2022 applicants  
Uniform and supplies purchased;  
Youth Development and Leadership training
- March** 2022 Firefighter Youth Academy Program start  
*(We expect to be a full in-person academy w/ COVID protocol)*  
Academy topic: Program Orientation and Fire Service Awareness,
- April** Academy topic: Fire Behavior  
VCUSD Elementary School Program (TBD)  
Fire Prevention and Safety Trailer w/"Sparky the Fire Dog"
- May** Academy topic: Fire Extinguishment  
VCUSD Elementary School Program (TBD)  
Fire Prevention and Safety Trailer w/"Sparky the Fire Dog"

- June** Academy topic: EMS Olympics  
 Basic First Aid; CPR  
 “Juneteenth Festival” Community Service Activity(TBD)  
 Fire Prevention and Safety Trailer w/“Sparky the Fire Dog”  
*Close out of Participatory Budget Cycle 7*
- July** Academy topic: EMS Olympics  
 Basic First Aid; CPR  
 “Fourth of July Parade/Festival” Community Service Activity (TBD)  
 Fire Prevention and Safety Trailer w/ “Sparky the Fire Dog”  
 Recreation and Enrichment Activity (TBD)
- Aug.** Academy topic: EMS Olympics  
 Basic First Aid; CPR  
 Earthquake/Disaster Prep  
 CERT Community Emergency Response Training
- Sept.** Academy topic: Earthquake/Disaster Prep;  
 CERT Community Emergency Response Training  
 “Visions of the Wild” Festival Community Service Activity(TBD)  
 Fire Prevention and Safety Trailer w/“Sparky the Fire Dog”
- Oct.** Academy topic: Earthquake/Disaster Prep;  
 CERT Community Emergency Response Training  
 “Waterfront Festival” Community Service Activity(TBD)  
 Fire Prevention and Safety Trailer w/“Sparky the Fire Dog”
- Nov. 2022 Program conclusion: Awards and Recognition Event (TBD)  
 Recruitment for 2023 Academy  
 Media Arts Bootcamp Training
- Dec. “Holiday Parade” Community Service Activity (TBD)  
 Fire Prevention and Safety Trailer w/“Sparky the Fire Dog”  
 Youth Development and Leadership training  
 Recruitment for 2023 Academy  
 Media Arts Bootcamp Training

## **2023**

*See 2022 program cycle*