



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 12, 2022

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín and Councilmember Sophie Hahn

Subject: Budget Referral: \$60,000 to the FY 2023-2024 Budget Process for Supply Bank School Supply Distribution

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the FY 2023-2024 budget process \$60,000 for Supply Bank (\$30k for each fiscal year) to support their services in providing essential school supplies to Berkeley families.

BACKGROUND

Supply Bank, formerly known as K to College, plays an important role in the community by purchasing and distributing school supplies to low-income students. Founded by a group of UC Berkeley students, a pilot program launched in Berkeley in 2009. Over the past 13 years, Supply Bank has grown to support kids in need in more than 300 school districts in California.

The mission of Supply Bank is to provide homeless and other underserved children with the tangible resources they need to achieve. Supply Bank operates the School Supply and Dental Kit Initiatives, intended for low-income students to help ensure that they are able to start the school year off on equal footing as their counterparts and provides the basic oral healthcare necessities: a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss to ensure that oral health issues do not stand in the way of student's academic success.

In partnership with the Berkeley Unified School District, the City of Berkeley, and the Berkeley Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department, SupplyBank.Org has provided 4,000 comprehensive, grade-appropriate school supply kits and dental kits with an instore value of more than \$175,000 for low-income (free/reduced price meal eligible) K-12 Berkeley students over the past 3 years.

The City Council has consistently approved the budget request to Supply Bank. To help support the program and ensure it will be operational in the long term, this budget referral will cover the next two fiscal years, with \$30,000 being allocated in both FY 2023 and FY 2024, for a total of \$60,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$60,000

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no environmental impacts associated with the recommendations in this report.

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