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COUNCIL MEETING	12/09/10	
APPROVED BY		
		
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR		
CITY MANAGER		

December 9, 2010

FROM: RANDALL L. COOPER, Director
Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department

BY: PAUL A. MELIKIAN, Administrative Manager 
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Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO ADOPTING THE 60TH AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 2010-138 APPROPRIATING A \$10,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IN THE PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE THE COMMUNITY SCIENCE PROGRAM AT GRANNY'S CENTER (DISTRICT 7)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution appropriating a \$10,000 contribution from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to cover personnel and operating costs associated with providing a Community Science Workshop program at Granny's Science Center.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The PARCS Department has received a \$10,000 contribution from NSF that will allow PARCS staff to continue Community Science programming at Granny's Science Center. Funding for science workshops at Granny's was eliminated in FY 2010 due to General Fund budget reductions, however has been sustained through the NSF's ongoing commitment to the PARCS Community Science program. The Science Center is currently being funded with a previous \$21,000 contribution from the NSF. The \$10,000 contribution from the NSF will keep the program functioning throughout FY 2011. The NSF has also made a verbal commitment to fund the Granny's Science Center with additional resources in FY 2012. This contribution will supply children at Granny's Park to receive 20 hours per week of science workshops and projects.

BACKGROUND

The Fresno Community Science Workshops (CSW) were created over 15 years ago as a partnership between the NSF and PARCS. This "cutting edge" partnership in Fresno led to the creation of a national model which has been replicated in other urban cities throughout the United States since. CSW partners with local museums, science centers and community-based, non-profit organizations to gain much needed assistance with exhibits and education programs. CSW maintains permanent exhibit space, a workshop area for student projects and classroom/storage space. They serve a variety of audiences through after school, family, school and summer science programs. The CSW primarily focuses on under served areas.

The Community Science program provides a wide variety of fee-based and contracted services programs. In FY 1998, the City of Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services (PARCS) Department and Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) began working together on an Informal Science program at 15

elementary school sites. In FY 1999, Informal Science program doubled in size to accommodate 30 elementary school sites. In 2002, in collaboration with both FUSD and the National Science Foundation, PARCS built the Mobile Science Vehicle. The Mobile Science Vehicle delivers hands-on science activities to the community through on-site school programming, including the Dickey and Granny Science Centers, neighborhood parks, and special events. The Granny's Science Center ceased General Fund provided programming in July 2009, as part of FY 2010 budget reductions. The Community Science program has re-positioned itself as an after school contracted services vendor and is currently operating in FUSD and Clovis Unified School District elementary schools.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of the grant funds will have no impact to the General Fund.

Attachments: NSF Award Letter
 Resolution



GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 27, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter in support of Manuel Hernandez in his efforts to obtain ongoing support for the Fresno Community Science Workshops (CSWs). I represent CSW as Principal Investigator of the National Science Foundation grant #0400403: "Community Science Workshops: Beginning a National Movement" and as President of its host institution, Green Mountain College.

The CSW National Project is an extension of a successful, NSF-funded project that created a network of community science centers in California. Green Mountain College has taken this successful venture to a national level by working with partner organizations throughout the country to establish new CSWs in underserved communities. Once sites are selected, CSW directors participate in an intensive two-week training program. This is followed by visits by site mentors, annual meetings, and ongoing support through the Internet and other media, which contributes to the establishment and eventual sustainability of the centers. Each site partners with local, established museums, science centers and community-based nonprofit organizations to gain much needed assistance with exhibits and education programs. Community Science Workshops maintain permanent exhibit space, a workshop area for student projects and classroom/storage space. They serve a variety of audiences through after school, family, school and summer science programs. National CSW locations include Miami, Houston, New Orleans, Boston and Washington DC. These sites are based on model CSWs located in California, including San Francisco, Oakland, Watsonville, Fresno and Los Angeles.

Manuel Hernandez has worked with us for over fifteen years as the leadership behind the CSWs in Fresno. These sites were among the first to develop in California in the 1990s and have since served as an important point of training, mentorship and support for new sites in the CSW network. His program is a model for new leadership and the resulting expansion and sustainability of the CSW program.

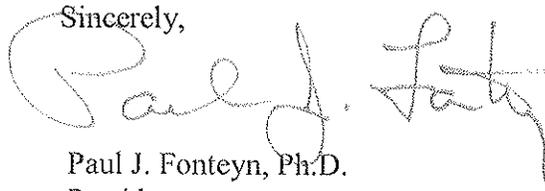
Given the many successes of the Fresno CSW program and its importance to the CSW National Network, I am awarding an amount of \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation grant to help sustain the Fresno program through the end of the current fiscal year. A great many lives have been positively affected by the cumulative effort of all who have been involved in the Fresno Community Science Workshops. I am confident that this program will continue to be a model for encouraging youth participation and achievement in science and a positive influence in the community. However, the Fresno

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CSW will need to obtain funding from other sources that share our commitment to this goal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions about Community Science Workshops and our contributions in the area of informal science education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul J. Fonteyn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Paul J. Fonteyn, Ph.D.
President

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO:

THAT PART III of the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2010-138 be and is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Increase/(Decrease)</u>
TO: PARKS, AFTER SCHOOL, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT	
Misc Local Grants - PARKS	\$ 10,000

THAT account titles and numbers requiring adjustment by this Resolution are as follows:

Misc Local Grants - PARKS

Revenues:

Account: 39009 Donations	\$ <u>10,000</u>
Fund: 22032	
Org Unit: 170310	

Total Revenues \$ 10,000

Appropriations:

Account: 51201 Non-Permanent Salaries	\$ 8,600
51202 Non-Permanent Fringe	700
56120 Athletic & Recreation	<u>700</u>
Fund: 22032	
Org Unit: 170310	
CS: SQ002	

Total Appropriations \$ 10,000

THAT the purpose is to appropriate \$10,000 in the PARCS Community Science program to continue Community Science Workshops at Granny's Science Center in FY 2011.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF FRESNO } ss.
CITY OF FRESNO }

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the _____ Day of _____, 2010

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Approval: _____, 2010
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2010
Mayor Veto: _____, 2010
Council Override Veto: _____, 2010

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk
