



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Montré Freeman, City Manager
James Webster, Interim Chief of Police

Date: February 24, 2023

Subject: Consideration - Accept PAL Mentoring Grant for FY2023
Award # 22-GG-01747-MENT

BACKGROUND:

The Elizabeth City Police Department discovered that the National PAL Program had received a large sum of money to implement mentoring programs nationwide and the funding was awarded to them through the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This grant opportunity allowed for positive youth development activities, through local PAL Chapters, to provide greater opportunities for individual/group mentoring and youth academic achievement. The mission of this program was to increase participating youth's understanding of personal, community, and interpersonal safety and increase their perception of social support.

This is the seventh year the Department has received the PAL Mentoring Grant. We will receive a sub award to serve 18 youth in the amount of \$16,200.00 to be used for direct operating expenses associated with the implementation of the National PAL Mentoring program.

ANALYSIS:

With the implementation of the previous grant awards, the Department was able to serve local youth through organized enrichment activities. The events included both local and out-of-town educational trips that provided great opportunities for our local youth to experience. The goal of the PAL Program is to improve outcomes, such as improved academic performance and reduced school drop-out rates for at-risk, high-risk, or underserved youth, and reduces negative outcomes, including juvenile delinquency and gang participation, through mentoring.

The Elizabeth City Police Department received notification via email on February 8, 2023 that they were selected to receive a sub-grant award in the amount of \$16,200.00 to serve 18 youth in our community. It should be noted that there was no City match needed for this grant and therefore no budget impact in this or the coming fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, authorize acceptance of the sub-grant award to the Elizabeth City Police Department in the amount of \$16,200.00 to continue the PAL Mentoring Program through grant funding and in servicing the youth of this community.