



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Richard Hicks, City Manager
Larry D. James, Sr., Chief of Police

Date: April 25, 2022

Subject: Consideration - Accept PAL Mentoring Grant for FY2021-2022

BACKGROUND:

The Elizabeth City Police Department has been the recipient of the National PAL Mentoring Grant for the past five years. This particular grant is funded through the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and allows 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 grant program is to increase participating youth's understanding of personal, community, and interpersonal safety and increase their perception of social support.

The Department received permission to make application for grant fiscal year 2021-2022, and applied for \$18,900 in funding to be used for direct operating expenses associated with the implementation of the National PAL Mentoring program. Grant funds will be used to serve 21 youth and fund events to include both local and out-of-town educational trips, which provide great opportunities for our local youth to experience.

ANALYSIS:

On April 13, 2022, the Office of Chief of Police received notification via email that Elizabeth City Police Department had been awarded a sub-recipient of the PAL Mentoring Grant for FY2021-2022 in the full amount requested of \$18,900. The email also advised that all funds must be approximately expended or obligated between March 1, 2022 and March 1, 2023. Staff is seeking permission from the City Council to accept this grant award.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, authorize acceptance of the sub-grant award to the Elizabeth City Police Department in the amount of \$18,900 to continue the PAL Mentoring Program (FY2021-2022).