



City of Boynton Beach Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 08/20/2024

Proposed Resolution No. R24-181- Approving a Literacy AmeriCorps Palm Beach County Cooperative Agreement for 2024 - 2025.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Resolution No. R24-181.

Explanation of Request: The Boynton Beach City Library, in collaboration with the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County through the AmeriCorps Programs, offers essential educational services to the community. These services include homework help, SAT/ACT preparation, and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes. Specifically, two full-time AmeriCorps volunteers are involved: one focuses on ESOL literacy for adults, and the other provides homework help for youth. This partnership aims to enhance educational opportunities and support lifelong learning for all residents.

How will this affect city programs or services?

The addition of two full-time AmeriCorps volunteers will significantly enhance the library's educational services. For adults, the ESOL literacy program will improve English language proficiency, aiding in better job prospects and community integration. For youth, the homework help program will provide much-needed academic support, contributing to improved school performance and higher chances of success in standardized tests like the SAT and ACT. Overall, these services will strengthen the library's role as a community hub for education and support, aligning with the city's goal of fostering a well-educated and prosperous community.

Fiscal Impact:

This Library initiative is a proposed budgeted item, within the City's budget. The financial investment in these AmeriCorps volunteers is expected to yield significant returns in the form of enhanced educational outcomes and community engagement.

Attachments:

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