



Thomas P. McNamara, Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
Planning and Development Committee

FROM: Todd Cagnoni, City Administrator
Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Mayor's Office of Domestic and Community Violence Prevention

RE: Proposed funding agreement with Cited Foundation for Early Birds Social Work Development Program at Auburn High School.

DATE: June 8, 2026

For your consideration, proposed funding agreement with Cited Foundation for Early Birds Social Work Development Program at Auburn High School utilizing Cannabis Funds in the amount of \$25,000.

Attached to this memo is the funding request and explanation of the Early Birds Social Worker Development Program through the Cited Foundation focused at Auburn High School. This includes the requested proposal, and past outcomes.

Early Birds is a trauma informed youth leadership and mental health initiative designed to support underserved youth disproportionately impacted by poverty, community violence, systematic inequalities and the long-term effects of marijuana criminalization policies.

They are in their fourth year serving 14-18 year old with mental health education, leadership development, mentorship, post-secondary planning and real-world apprenticeship experiences.

The funding will allow Cited Foundation to sustain and expand the Early Birds Program through additional weekly workshops and enhanced student support services, including: * Expanded workshops focused on coping skills, emotional regulation and personal development. * Continued social work education and leadership training. * Youth stipends for successful program completion. * Planning component to support college. * Apprenticeship-based mentorship. * Mental health education and wellness activities.

Cited Foundation was a previous recipient of Regrow \$10,000 funding with positive results.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed funding agreement as the request is consistent with City's efforts for community investment. Please let me know should you have any questions.