

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE BLACK PEARL WORKSHOP FOR AFTERSCHOOL ARTS PROGRAMMING**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify entering into an agreement with Little Black Pearl to provide afterschool arts programming to External Relations at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because the Consultant has the ability and capacity to provide art education, life skills and drug and violence prevention to students identified most at risk. These services were approved through the CPOR process (#09-1030-CPOR-1051). A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**CONSULTANT:**

Vendor # 25990  
Little Black Pearl Workshop,  
1060 East 47th Street  
Chicago, Il 60653  
Zakeya Cartman  
773-285-1211

**USER:**

External Relations  
125 S Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

Contact : Sean Harden

Phone: 773-553-1504

**TERM:**

The term of this agreement shall commence on December 1, 2009 and shall end May 31, 2010. The Board shall have two (2) options to renew this agreement for periods of one (1) year each.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Under the "Culture of Calm" strategy developed by the Chief Executive Officer, CPS identified 38 schools to receive extra resources to reduce the occurrences of violence. Little Black Pearl has an existing relationship with schools identified for this program. Students from the following schools may enroll in the program: Tilden, Dunbar, Dyett, Simeon, King, Hyde Park, Fenger, Robeson, Phillips, Harper, CVCA, Harlan, Hope, Julian, Corliss, Prologue, Bowen, Bogan, and South Shore.

There is a 50 student maximum capacity for program.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Consultant shall provide the following:

1. Arts & educational workshops

Educational studios are provided to learn painting and multimedia. Art fundamentals are taught through various projects to showcase technique, art history, business elements, organizational and leadership skills, creativity and individuality

Multimedia arts are utilized to highlight non-violence, anti-discrimination, and safe passage resolutions while introducing projects that encourage social awareness, social development, and the impact of drugs and violence on families and communities

2. Developmental writing

Journaling, poetry, and playwriting to focus on individual and small group reflections that allow students to explore issues that affect their decisions on drugs and violence

Activities and/or other services that positively model non-violent choices and positive decision-making  
Students are building critical thinking skills by creating individual and collaborative works of art  
Opportunities are provided for social and emotional development  
Students are allowed to learn and implement skills independently

Art or writing programs that allow students to reflect upon their social/emotional needs and/or after school or weekend programs that engage students in prevention activities that utilize the arts to highlight the effects of drugs and violence

3. Drug and violence prevention

Special projects that utilize the arts to highlight the effects of drugs and violence using art media like painting, sculpture, spoken word, and creative writing.

Additional opportunities include: art workshops, guest speakers, community development projects, and summer employment opportunities.

4. Field trips

Students are educated about local, national, and international art media and artists through visits to the Museum of Science & Industry, Northwestern University, Museum of Contemporary Art, and artists' studios.

5. Peer leadership/Mentoring/Mediation

Programs that offer students the opportunity to work with one another in a helping, supportive role, and build developmental skills required to work successfully in peer groups.

Weekly teen summit discussions that allow students to engage their peer leadership and analytical skills by sharing ideas, thoughts and experiences on issues that are relevant to them. The discussions focus on making positive choices and changes.

Youth-led workshops focused on arts and business training which allow the opportunity for students to work in a supportive team environment and for students to showcase their skills and encourage their peers.

**6. Reporting**

Consultant will submit reports twice a month to the Office of Strategy. The report will include a breakdown of which students are receiving which services at each school and program attendance record for each student.

Students will evaluate workshops and activities at the completion of each workshop/activity and rate the effectiveness of the workshop/activity against the specific goal of that workshop/activity.

The program runs from Monday through Thursday; 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

No Program Days:

12/21/09 - 1/1/10 (Winter Break)

1/18/10 (Martin Luther King Holiday)

3/29/10 - 4/2/10 (Spring Break)

**OUTCOMES:**

Consultant's services will result in:

Pre-program assessment administered to participating students (50) that will assess the student's current social, emotional, and mental health and propensity to engage in risky behaviors including drug use or violent behavior

Post-program assessment to determine any change in each participating student's (50) social, emotional, and mental health and propensity to engage in risky behaviors including drug use or violent behavior

Service learning and summer internship placement for participating students

Monitoring and analysis of student attendance and conduct violations

Posters and t-shirts designed by participant students addressing the impact of drugs and violence in their lives

Logos and taglines created by participant students to use throughout the program to demonstrate prevention and safety

**COMPENSATION:**

Consultant shall be paid monthly upon invoicing as specified in the agreement; total not to exceed the amount of \$75,000.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Purchasing Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, M/WBE provisions of the Program do not apply to transactions where the vendor providing services operates as a Not-for-Profit organization.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Charge to External Relations: \$75,000

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\$75,000.00

**CFDA# :** Not Applicable

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

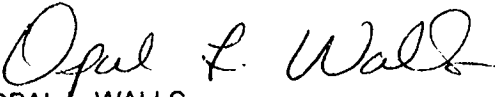
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

  
OPAL L. WALLS  
Chief Purchasing Officer

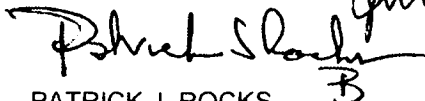
Approved:

  
Ron Huberman  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

  
DIANA S. FERGUSON  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

  
PATRICK J. ROCKS  
General Counsel