

# County of Santa Clara

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D., County Executive

FROM: Steve Preminger, Director, Office of Strategic and Intergovernmental Affairs

RE: **Educational Supports for African Ancestry and Underserved Students**

DATE: October 30, 2020

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Please accept this off-agenda report relating to educational support services for African American and other disenfranchised students.

The Administration is prepared to discuss this referral at the November budget workshop. The cost to fund the academic services for African Ancestry and other underserved students is estimated to be \$312,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

The referral aims to deliver coordinated academic services and engagement of African Ancestry and other underserved communities to support racial equity goals that all children receive quality educational supports. The program goals and outcomes are to improve the overall academic success and well-being of African Ancestry and other impacted students by providing support with homework completion, reading (fluency and comprehension), and other academic and well-being services. The Maranatha Christian Center's "Building Our Own Kids (B.O.O.K) Academy," Bible Way Christian Center's "Destiny Academy," and Bay Area Tutoring Association, "Black Lives Matter-COVID" tutoring centers/programs provide culturally sensitive services to African Ancestry children and youth, as well as other underserved students.

Contracts with Maranatha, Bible Way, and Bay Area Tutoring Association would need to be drafted to reflect program and student goals in a manner that considers virtual as well as in-person academic supports as shelter-in-place orders become relaxed and are appropriate for each community. An earlier agreement for these types of services for School Year (SY) 2019-2020 with Maranatha and Bible Way may serve as a foundation for the new agreements. Contractual agreements should not exceed \$312,000 – Maranatha for \$126,000, Bible Way for \$126,000, and Bay Area Tutoring Association for \$60,000. It has been determined that Maranatha and Bible Way do not have the fiscal and administrative support structure to manage the program.

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Therefore, Ujima Adult and Family Services has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent on the agreement, which will come out of the allocations for Maranatha and Bible Way. Contract terms would be for one-year terms, backdated to September 1, 2020 and ends no later than August 31, 2021 (to allow for any potential adaptations as a result of the on-going health pandemic), following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. These parameters would allow retroactive funding for services that started for the SY 2020-2021.

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