



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: United 4 Youth

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2001

SUBMITTED BY: Cynthia Haynes, Community Promotions Coordinator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action required.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Four Communities are spearheading a new youth Initiative, United 4 Youth. The plan is to convene a community of support around focused efforts to help youth be more successful in their lives. Seed money to start the collaborative effort comes from United Way Community Impact Funds.

Lodi, Manteca, Stockton and Tracy each have Community Councils (Cynthia Haynes is currently Chairman of the Lodi Area Community Council) which form a nucleus of volunteer leadership in their respective cities to begin this new movement. The United Way Board voted in February to give the Councils two-year funding that would bring community sectors together forming a collaborative to achieve some specific measurable outcome in two broad areas.

Programs will be focusing on constructive uses of time for teens, with the outcomes being seen in increased social competencies, such as planning and decision making, conflict resolution, resistance skills and interpersonal competence.

At this time, we envision the collaborative partners including City Government, School Districts, and Faith Community, Not for Profits, and all other organizations public and private. Requests for proposals will be issued this summer in each of the four communities. The City of Lodi will be granted \$65,000.00 for the United 4 Youth initiative the first year.

Funding: Not Applicable

Respectfully,

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APPROVED: _____

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