

SJUSD Bridges After School Program

History of City & SJUSD Partnership

The San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) was awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant funding after a very competitive process which has allowed expansion of the Bridges After School Program. For Citrus Heights, the funds are used to run after-school programs at nine schools, including eight elementary schools (Coyle, Kingswood, Skycrest, Mariposa, Lichen, Grand Oaks, Citrus Heights, and Carriage) and Sylvan Middle School. At the elementary schools, each site can serve between 60-120 students. The program at Sylvan Middle School will serve 40 students each.

SJUSD's success in receiving the 21st Century grant funds is based in part on a partnership established with the city of Citrus Heights several years ago. Seed funds were provided by the city for a trial program at one elementary school. That trial program was then expanded last year to six Citrus Heights schools, with the city funding a portion of the start-up costs. Using the model that was established, SJUSD successfully competed for funds to expand the after-school program in Citrus Heights and to introduce it throughout the district.

Strong community partnerships have also made the Bridges After-School Program successful. Both Sunrise Recreation and Park District and the Sylvan Oaks Library are very actively involved in staffing and programming as partners in this collaborative project.

Dates	Program Status	City Funding Contribution
2001	City completes "Community Facilities and Programming Study"; identifies need for additional after school programming for youth.	
July 1, 2002 Funding approved	Council approves \$60,000 Innovation Fund grant to start an after school program at Kingswood Elementary school. To be blend of academic, recreation and citizenship. Partnership with City, SJUSD, and Sunrise.	\$60,000 Originally approved
January 2003 – June 2003	Year 1 -- First After School program is started at Kingswood. Successful program once cost is made free to participants. Originally serving 60 students.	\$30,000 Expended
2003-2004 School Year	Year 2 -- The program was expanded to serve five Citrus Heights schools and the City contributed an additional \$30,000 towards start-up and staff training costs for the expansion of the program. The program continued to be designed to help students increase academic skills and knowledge, improve self-esteem and life skills, and develop positive social skills through structured activities and community service. Plan to serve 120 students at each elementary school.	\$30,000 Expended
2004-2005 School Year	Year 3 -- SJUSD successfully receives 21 st Century Learning Center Grant; 5 years and district wide expansion of program. City funding used to offset a portion of the costs for a second Citrus Heights Bridges After School Team Leader (School Community Intervention Specialist II). Serving 6 elementary schools (Arlington Heights, and Sylvan Middle School with 120 students at each site.	\$35,000 Expended
2005-2006 School Year	Year 4 -- Same as above.	\$35,000 Expended
2006-2007 School Year	Year 5 -- Same as above.	\$30,000 Expended

2007-2008 School Year	Year 6 – Additional funding now available and Intervention Specialist position is being funded in each of the three Building Bridges regions. City financial contribution was utilized to provide civic leadership programs and implement educational software for the new laptop purchases.	\$35,000 Expended
2007-2008 School Year	Year 7 – City financial contribution will be utilized to research and pilot a beta project that would provide a tiered fee based after-school program to Citrus Heights elementary schools that do not qualify for state or federal funding. The \$35,000 contribution from Citrus Heights will fund a leadership support staff charged with researching, developing and implementing a fee based Bridges After-School Program to pilot at the start of the 2008-2009 school year at one of the three Citrus Heights elementary schools that do not qualify for state and federal after school funding (Arlington Heights, Cambridge Heights and Woodside). San Juan Unified School District's Extended Learning and Support Programs department will provide a \$35,000 in-kind match to the funding provided through the City of Citrus Heights to cover the cost of additional leadership and support staff and operational expenses for the beta project.	\$35,000 Budgeted