



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 7, 2024

To: Honorable Members of the City Council  
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín  
Subject: Budget Referral: \$70,000 to the FY 2025-2026 Budget Process for Supply Bank School Supply Distribution

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the FY 2025-2026 budget process \$70,000 for Supply Bank (\$35k for each fiscal year) to support their services in providing essential school supplies to Berkeley families.

BACKGROUND

Supply Bank, formerly known as K to College, plays an important role in the community by purchasing and distributing school supplies to low-income students. Founded by a group of UC Berkeley students, a pilot program launched in Berkeley in 2009. Over the past 15 years, Supply Bank has grown to support kids in need in more than 300 school districts in California.

The mission of Supply Bank is to provide homeless and other underserved children with the tangible resources they need to achieve. Supply Bank operates the School Supply and Dental Kit Initiatives, intended for low-income students to help ensure that they are able to start the school year off on equal footing as their counterparts and provides the basic oral healthcare necessities: a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss to ensure that oral health issues do not stand in the way of student's academic success.

In partnership with the Berkeley Unified School District, the City of Berkeley, and related partners, in 2023 SupplyBank.Org provided 1,300 low-income residents grade-appropriate school supply kits and dental kits. The School Supply Distribution and Resource Fair is their flagship program, which will enter its 15<sup>th</sup> year this year.

The City Council has consistently approved the budget request to Supply Bank. To help support the program and ensure it will be operational in the long term, this budget referral will cover the next two fiscal years, with \$35,000 being allocated in both FY 2025 and FY 2026, for a total of \$70,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$70,000

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no environmental impacts associated with the recommendations in this report.

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Attachments:

- 1) Supply Bank One-Pag