

San Diego Unified School District Charter School Facilities Committee

INNOVATIONS ACADEMY - Project Funding Request

Background:

On 7/7/2015, the SDUSD Board of Education approved \$50,000 of Proposition Z funds for the development of a feasibility study and program to assist in the relocation of the Innovations Academy.

On 2/8/2016, Ehm Architecture was given a Notice to Proceed with the development of the Feasibility Study and Programming documents.

On 5/31/2016, a presentation was made to the Charter Schools Facility Committee to review the findings of the study and provide an opportunity for questions from the committee and the public regarding this project and the school. Representatives from the school, facilities planning, and the architect were present for the presentation. The Committee requested that the project proposal be placed on the agenda for action at the next committee meeting.

Project Information:

Innovations Academy is seeking to relocate to a facility in the Kearny Mesa/Mira Mesa area. The school has completed a feasibility study and developed a building program to establish the size and number of classrooms, and operational spaces needed to serve their students.

- 2015/16 enrollment is 351 (currently 361), students and is projected to grow to 421.
- Site size is four (4) acres.
- Deadline for relocation 6/2018.

Proposed scope of work includes:

- Construction of 17 classrooms and three (3) enrichment classrooms including rooms for clay and ceramics, STEAM Lab, and Media Arts.
- Construction of a multi-purpose building, administration and counseling offices, teacher lounge and workroom, restrooms, and storage rooms.
- Construction of a playground, school garden, and lunch area.

The building program created by Ehm Architecture calls for a facility of approximately 55,000 square feet on approximately five (5) acres of land. The rough order of magnitude cost to construct a facility of this size is \$27,643,612 plus the cost of the land. The construction of a school facility could take up to six (6) years given the fund availability of Proposition Z, design of the school, state reviews and acquisition of a suitable site.

A cost effective and time efficient alternative would be to replicate the existing school using modular style classrooms. Under this scenario, the utilities and location of the classrooms would be configured to allow the installation of additional portable classrooms as needed for growth or program changes. The rough order of magnitude cost for this option is \$10,000,000 plus the cost of the land; which in the target area is estimated to cost somewhere between \$7-10,000,000.

Action:

Recommend an allocation of up to \$20,000,000, (\$10,000,000 for construction and up to \$10,000,000 for land), to relocate the Innovations Academy.