

Division: Youth & Family Services

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

LGBTQ2IA+ youth experience discrimination, violence, and harassment that puts their safety at risk. These youth are more likely to experience homelessness due to unsupportive caregivers. Sexual & Gender Minority Youth (SGMY) youth participants describe experiences of anxiety and fear as they try to access basic needs services, including health and mental health resources. Without access to these supports, LGBTQ2IA+ youth are three times more likely to attempt suicide.

The SGMY program works to create an environment where youth can build positive relationships with peers and adults. They focus on supporting youth by creating a welcoming space, providing basic needs, case management, youth-led activities, and skill-building opportunities. Program activities include:

- Drop-in space for youth to connect with trusted adults, peers, and affirming activities.
- Providing weekly one-on-one check-ins (virtual or in-person) for social support.
- Coordinating a steering committee that centers youth voice in program design and decision making.
- Providing training to school staff and Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Service System contracted organizations to increase their ability to support youth in a culturally responsive and effective way.

This offer supports the Youth & Family Services (YFS) Division Outcome of Educational Opportunity and Success by breaking isolation and providing affirming adults, supportive peers, and safe gathering spaces to youth.

Equity Statement

The Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) Service System is an aligned system of care that drives youth educational success, family stability, and prosperity for all, with a focus on equity. System planning and design uses the equity and empowerment lens to address systemic barriers. Strategies include culturally appropriate and culturally specific services, community engagement, fostering of safety, trust, and belonging, and disaggregation of data to produce outcomes for all.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Contractual Services	\$405,938	\$0	\$419,334	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$405,938	\$0	\$419,334	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$405,938		\$419,334	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of youth who participate in case management	72	75	75
Percent of youth who remain in or re-enroll in school	51%	75%	75%