

**2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT:** Austin Public Health

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**REQUESTED BY:** Houston

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**REQUEST:** Please provide more information on the youth services coordinator position in the FY 2019 proposed budget to implement a pilot program with Eastside Memorial High School. How does the work that this position will do relate to the City of Austin? Is this a new request for a new program?

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**RESPONSE:** In collaboration with the Economic Development Department and the Equity Office, the Youth Services Coordinator would be responsible to start a new pilot program with Eastside Memorial High School to provide youth the opportunity to have work experiences with Austin Public Health.

The pilot would give 12 high school students from Eastside Memorial High School an opportunity to participate in public health professions through paid internships, and the training provided would contribute to factors that help economically disadvantaged schools in the community. The career progression plan would provide access to middle-skill jobs and expansion of jobs that would strengthen Austin's community pipeline of skilled labor.

The new program would positively impact the "Skills and capability of our community workforce (including education)" Economic Opportunity & Affordability (EO&A) strategic outcome indicator and the following EO&A metrics:

- Number and percentage of students graduating from high school; and
- Number of apprenticeship and internship positions offered by City of Austin.

The Youth Services Coordinator position would support the Department's Community Services program's purpose of building strong communities by enriching quality of life for individuals and families.