

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 3, 2007

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 7**

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 4 to the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Travis County to fund and administer the Summer Youth Employment Stipend program for the period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007, at a cost in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 (\$245,000 City; \$155,000 County), with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 (\$245,000 City; \$155,000 County) per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 (\$735,000 City; \$465,000 County).

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$198,777 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$46,223 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for the Human Resources Department. Funding in the amount of \$155,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department's Travis County Reimbursed Fund. Funding for each contract extension is contingent upon available funding in future budgets

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Stephanie Y. Hayden, HHSD Manager, 972-5017; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023.

**Prior Council Action:** Approval of SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, February 13, 2003; Amendment No. 1 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, June 17, 2004; Amendment No. 2 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, March 13, 2005; Amendment No. 3 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, July 27, 2006.

#### Background

This program provides job readiness training and summer employment for youth ages 14-17, in collaboration with private and public sector employers and community-based organizations. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for youth development through meaningful work experiences that promote economic self-sufficiency, good citizenship and healthy lifestyles, with special emphasis on high-risk youth and youth with disabilities. Youth are trained in career exploration and job readiness skills, conflict resolution, personal health and environmental awareness, and other employment-related issues.

In FY 2003-2004, Travis County began providing the staff and funding for administration of this program. In addition to funding, the City provides in-kind support by processing the job applications and payments for youth participants through the City payroll system. In FY 2006-2007, the County increased the stipend funding from their original County budget in order to employ additional youth. Approval of a budget amendment to recognize the additional County reimbursement is in a separate RCA.

Overall the City provides \$245,000 for stipends and an additional \$9,468 (in-kind services) for timekeeping for a total of \$254,468 while the County provides \$155,000 for stipends and \$306,187 for operational cost to manage the program for a total of \$461,187. The combined program cost is \$715,655. These funds will provide jobs for 750 youths to include 115 youth with disabilities during two 5-week summer sessions.