

AGENDA



Thursday, May 24, 2007

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 9**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the application and acceptance of \$24,886 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG); and amend the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Police Department Operating Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$24,886 for technology resources for the City of Austin's Eastside Story Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the grant period of August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008. A cash match of \$2,765 is required and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Police Department. Total funding for the JABG project is \$27,651.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Cathy Ellison, Chief of Police (Acting), 974-5030

Prior Council Action: April 7, 2005 prior year grant acceptance.

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The City of Austin Eastside Story is an after school tutoring and enrichment and summer camp program. Through collaborations with local school districts and charter schools, we are able to provide homework assistance, tutoring, and cultural/recreational activities to students after school and in the summer. The program goal is to provide a safe environment for children after school while promoting academic achievement.

The program employs qualified school teachers and teacher's aides to work with a student ratio of 1:18. Eastside Story has 11 after school sites spread throughout the East Austin area. Grade reports are collected on each participant so that we are able to monitor academic progress throughout the school year. A student tracking program developed using this grant fund would allow staff to efficiently review and analyze the performance data and effectively center program services based on identified need.