

AGENDA



Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 20

Subject: Approve execution of a 15-month Interlocal Agreement between the City and the AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (AISD), Austin, TX to provide funding for four programs: COMMUNITY EDUCATION, \$337,904, VICTORY TUTORIAL PROGRAM \$282,611, AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT \$968,027 and ADULT BASIC EDUCATION/ESL \$137,116 for a total estimated aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,725,658.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,380,527 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding for the final three months of the agreement is contingent upon availability of funding in the next fiscal year future budget. The contract period for the Interlocal Agreement is October 1, 2007-December 31, 2008.

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

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Prior Council Action: Approval of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget, September 10, 2007.

Background

This Interlocal Agreement continues four long-standing City-funded school programs: Community Education, VICTORY Tutorial, the After School Enrichment Program, and the Adult Basic Education/English as a Second Language (ABE/ESL) Agreement. In 1975, the City and AISD established a partnership for Community Education Programs. The partnership was made formal with the adoption of the Community Education Joint Resolution in 1979 and was subsequently reaffirmed in 1999. Until Fiscal Year 2007, the ABE/ESL program was funded separately using both General Funds and an allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. This program is now funded solely with General Funds and will be included in the Main Interlocal Agreement with AISD. The Austin Independent School District has placed responsibility for these programs under the direction of its Department of School Family and Community Education.

Program descriptions and performance measures are as follows:

Related Departmental Goal: Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Community Education \$337,904

Funding for Community Education provides program and administrative staff to develop and administer extended day classes, activities and dropout reduction services through the collaborative efforts of the City and AISD as well as federal, state and other local funding. Specific services include: after-school care and enrichment classes, tutorials and homework centers, summer camps, parenting classes, and arrangements for public access to community schools for social, educational, recreational, and civic activities.

Performance Measures (15 months):

- 5,175 unduplicated students will participate in afterschool and summer classes and activities.
- 2,588 adults will enroll in academic and enrichment classes at community schools.
- 323,437 students, family and community members will participate in or attend educational, social, recreational, and civic activities at AISD schools. These persons are counted at each activity that they attend.

Victory Tutorial \$282,611

Tutor coordinators work out of branch libraries to recruit, train, match, and supervise volunteer tutors. AISD recruits volunteer tutors throughout the community. Students are recruited through extensive community outreach and close coordination with AISD schools in the City of Austin branch library service areas.

Performance Measures (15 months):

- 583 unduplicated students will receive tutoring services during the after-school and evening gap time.
- 583 adult family members of program students participating in the development of students' individual tutoring plans
- 150 elementary students will attend at least 8 tutoring sessions and will progress in the subject tutored according to teacher evaluation.
- 50 secondary students will attend at least 8 tutoring sessions and will pass the course for which they are receiving tutoring.

After-School Enrichment Program \$968,027

The goal of this program is to develop a community of learners centered around community schools by involving teachers and parents in the provision of free after-school classes and activities. These classes and activities reinforce student academic skills while providing a safe, supervised and structured environment. 26 schools will be funded through this program, along with the Future View program at Mendez Middle School which provides services designed to encourage students to work toward goals which include college and career aspirations.

Performance Measures (15 months):

- 8409 unduplicated students will be served in after-school enrichment programs.
- 85% of After-School program participants will equal or surpass the regular daily attendance rate of nonparticipating students.
- 80% of After-School program participants' academic advancement rates will equal or surpass those of nonparticipating students.
- 85% of students participating in the Future View program at Mendez Middle School will develop Individual Education Plans with goals related to college and career aspirations.

Adult Basic Education Program (ABE/ESL) \$137,116

The purpose of this Adult Basic Education program is to provide English as a Second Language classes in the evening to adults in AISD schools. This program is jointly funded with the support of the City of Austin, Travis County, AISD, and Austin Community College to support AISD school sites which provide a comprehensive program of ESL classes.

Performance Measures (15 months):

- 920 students will participate in classes and activities developed through Adult Basic Education/ESL.
- 65% of students enrolled in ESL classes will demonstrate a gain in their usage of English language skills using the TEA-approved assessment tool of the BEST or the BEST Plus.