

AGENDA



Thursday, January 31, 2008

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 16**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for grant funding from the State of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Recreation Grants Branch, in the amount of \$30,000 for the Austin Police Department project entitled "Community Outdoor Outreach Program."

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in grant funding from the State of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Recreation Grants Branch, for the grant period May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009. No match is required. The City of Austin, as sponsor, commits funds and resources in the amount of \$30,000 which is a percentage of the existing salary of the APD Community Outreach Lieutenant position.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal note is required.

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This action authorizes the City to apply for \$30,000 in first year grant funding from the State of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Recreation Grants Branch, for the Austin Police Department to implement a "Community Outdoor Outreach Program." The grant period will run from May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

No match is required. The City of Austin, as sponsor, commits funds and resources in the amount of \$30,000 which is a percentage of the existing salary of the APD Community Outreach Lieutenant position.

Grant funding of \$30,000 will allow Austin Police Department personnel to mentor at-risk, low income youth and present them with activities including backpacking, camping, environmental/outdoor education, hiking, and rock climbing. Program participants will travel to two state park facilities: Longhorn Cavern and McKinney Falls. The funding will be used to cover overtime expenses, equipment, supplies, park fees, and transportation costs.