

AGENDA



Thursday, January 15, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 24**

Subject: Authorize execution of an 8-month Interlocal Agreement between the City and TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE, College Station, TX, for juvenile crime prevention services in the 78744 Youth of Promise Initiative Community Youth Development Program beginning January 1, 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, with two 12-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$67,500 per renewal option.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$45,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund. The initial contract period is January 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009. The grant period is September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. Funding for renewal options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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Prior Council Action: Approved Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget, December 13, 2007.

BACKGROUND

The 78744 Youth of Promise Initiative Community Youth Development (CYD) Program, formerly known as Southeast Austin Community Youth Development (SEACYD), has been funded since 1996 by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS). The goal of the Initiative is to prevent juvenile crime through the provision of community based-prevention and remediation programs in the Southeast Austin 78744 zip code.

A Request for Applications (RFA) was issued on September 21, 2008. The RFA was for Youth-Based Curriculum Programs and 1:1 or Group Mentoring Services. All applications were submitted by the prescribed date and time deadline. The CYD Community Collaborative Review Subcommittee recommended awards to Texas AgriLife Extension Service for Mentoring Services for \$45,000 and Mexic-Arte Museum for Visual & Performing Arts Programs for \$19,000.

Only one of the two recommended awards, the interlocal agreement with Texas AgriLife Extension Service, requires City Council approval. The grantor has approved this overall service delivery plan. Mentoring is a priority requirement of the granting agency.

HHSD will fund Texas AgriLife Extension Service in the amount of \$45,000. These funds will be used to support delivery of the mentoring program, Get REAL (Relationships, Experiences, Activities, and Learning) for youth in the 78744 zip code area.

The goal of Get REAL, a school-based group mentoring project, is to improve the conflict resolution, communication and goal setting skills of the youth, while advancing success through team building. The group meets two hours, weekly, in an afterschool or out-of-school time setting during the school year. Mentors and their mentees are matched by gender and interests on a 1:6 mentor/mentee ratio. Group

mentoring projects include recreational activities such as canoeing, archery, disc golf, and study trips. Get REAL is appropriate for all age, gender, or cultural/ethnic groups.

Statement Required for Corporate Budget Office: All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Department Goal: Prevention/Provision: Social Services--Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Output

Average number of youth served monthly--6

Number of unduplicated youth served during the contract period--80 youth

Outcomes

95% of youth 10-17 years old youth served in the Provider's CYD program will not engage in delinquent behavior

90% of youth are satisfied with the Provider's CYD program services received