

AGENDA



Thursday, March 5, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$19,674 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Grant Program for the operation of the APD Gang Prevention Project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Grant Program for the grant period September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2010. This is the third year of a 5-year grant project. There is no required match.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: APD Chief of Staff David Carter/974-5030

Prior Council Action: May 8, 2008 - Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2008 funding.

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The Governor's Office requires a resolution that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;

A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;

A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant; and

A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.

The goal of the grant program is to prevent gang-related criminal activity through education. The APD Gang Prevention Project staff will train and mentor juveniles (under 17) to increase their awareness of gang-related issues, to explore positive alternatives to gang membership, to intervene and serve as positive role models, and to prevent youth from engaging in criminal behavior and entering the juvenile and/or criminal justice system. The project will also provide training for parents, guardians, professionals, and in-agency personnel.

The \$19,674 in grant funding will provide for officer training on gang-related issues, equipment, supplies, printing, and promotional items.

This grant addresses the Department goals of reducing crime, fear of crime, and improving the quality of life of Austin's residents.