

AGENDA



Thursday, June 11, 2009

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

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the Interlocal Agreement between the City and Travis County to fund and administer the Summer Youth Employment Stipend program for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 for an annual amount not to exceed \$562,554 (\$345,000 City; \$217,554 County).

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$298,777 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$46,223 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for the Human Resources Department. Funding in the amount of \$217,554 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department from Travis County.

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, September 8, 2008.

BACKGROUND

This program provides job readiness training and summer employment for youth ages 14-17 in collaboration with private- and public-sector employers and community-based organizations. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for youth development through meaningful work experiences that promote economic self-sufficiency, good citizenship and healthy lifestyles, with special emphasis on high-risk youth and youth with disabilities. Youth are trained in career exploration and job readiness skills, conflict resolution, personal health and environmental awareness, and other employment-related issues.

In Fiscal Year 2003-2004, Travis County began providing the staff and funding for administration of this program. The City provides in-kind support by processing the job applications and payments for youth participants through the City payroll system.

Prior Council Approval. Approval of SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, February 13, 2003; Amendment No. 1 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, June 17, 2004; Amendment No. 2 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, March 13, 2005; Amendment No. 3 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, July 27, 2006; Amendment No. 4 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, May 3, 2007; Amendment No. 5 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County was administratively amended in 2007 to add funds for youth stipends due to the increase in the Federal Minimum Wage, effective July 24, 2007 (City \$7,071 and County \$3,477). Amendment No. 6 to SYEP Interlocal Agreement with Travis County, May, 8, 2008.

The City and County are both adding funds to the contract in 2009 for the increase in the Federal Minimum Wage from \$6.55 to \$7.25 effective on July 24, 2009. These funds will provide jobs for 750 youths to include 115 youth with disabilities during two 5-week summer sessions. There is no expected change in performance base on the additional funding.