

AGENDA



Thursday, August 27, 2009

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 17

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of three contracts for the period September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010 for juvenile crime prevention services under the 78744 Youth of Promise Initiative Community Youth Development Program (CYD) with the following providers: MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$68,000, with two 12-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$68,000 per renewal option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$204,000; THEATRE ACTION PROJECT, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000, with one 12-month renewal option, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000 per renewal option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$156,000; WORKER'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, Austin, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, with two 12-month renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$180,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$251,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Approved Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department Special Revenue Fund, from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Youth of Promise Initiative (YPI) Community Youth Development Program (CYD). This grant period is September 1, 2009–August 31, 2010. No City match is required. Funding for the renewal options is contingent upon available funding.

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 11, 2008

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 area.

Mexic-Arte and Theatre Action Project had remaining extension options; but the contract amounts are above the administrative approval amount. Worker's Assistance completed a request for Applications (RFA) that was issued on May 22, 2009. The CYD Community Collaborative Review Sub-Committee recommended award to Worker's Assistance for Family Based programs. The grantor, TDFPS, has approved this overall service delivery plan.

Grant Goal

Priority Categories have been established for community- based programs that address at-risk, disconnected, and all youth who live in, and/or attend school in the 78744 zip code area. In accordance with the grant, the 2008-2009 Needs Assessment, and as prioritized by the 78744 CYD Collaborative Committee, the following programs and services are eligible to be funded under this grant.

HHSD will fund Mexic-Arte Museum in the amount of \$68,000. These funds will be used to support the delivery of after school and during school programs, working with artists from the community, who will provide the Art Outreach program. The Museum's educational programs offer youth opportunities to engage in cultural activities and increase their participation in artistic activities.

HHSD will fund Theatre Action Project (TAP) in the amount of \$78,000. These funds will be used to support delivery of afterschool and summer programs Alternative Solutions, Courage to Stand and TAP Summer Programming. Alternative Solutions is a program for middle school students to identify and overcome barriers to their own personal success. Courage to Stand is an interactive program for elementary students to work with youth about changing classroom cultures to not accept bullying, hate or violence. The TAP Summer Program will be a blend of creative arts and education for 5th to 7th grade youth.

HHSD will fund Workers Assistance Program in the amount of \$60,000. These funds will be used to support delivery of the evidence based after school program, Strengthening Families Program for parents, guardians, youth and their families in the 78744 zip code area.

Attachment A provides the combined performance measures to be attained through these contracts.