Thursday, December 10, 2009

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with TRAVIS COUNTY to provide funding and certain services for the Summer Youth Employment Program for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$345,000 with five 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$345,000 per renewal term, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,070,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$298,777 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$46,223 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget for the Human Resources Department. Funding in the amount of \$217,554 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department from Travis County. Funding for agreement 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 2009-2010 Operating Budget, September 14, 2009.

The Summer Youth Employment Program provides job readiness training and summer employment for youth ages 14-17 (ages 14-22 for disabled youth), in collaboration with public sector employers and community- based organizations. The purpose of the program, which is coordinated by Travis County, 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, and conflict resolution, personal health and environmental awareness, and other employment related issues.

The City will provide \$345,000 in funding and Travis County will provide \$217,554.

PEFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Goals:

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, health behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Number of youth provided job readiness training: 1,050 Number of youth placed in summer jobs: 750

Number of Youth with Disabilities placed in employment: 112