

AGENDA



Thursday, March 24, 2011

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

Item No. 15

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT to assist the City of Austin Health and Human Services Department Obesity Prevention Initiative by providing healthy foods and beverages in schools and making changes to an elementary school cafeteria, for a four-month term beginning on May 1, 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund for the Health and Human Services Department's Obesity Prevention Initiative grant.

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

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Prior Council Action: April 29, 2010 – Council approved ordinance #20100429-029 accepting \$300,000 in grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services, Family and Community Health Services Division.

Approval of this Recommendation for Council Action will authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Austin Independent School District, Nutrition and Food Services, and the City's Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) to increase access to and availability of healthy foods and beverages in schools for a four-month term beginning May 1, 2011.

The Texas Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) Family and Community Health Services division funds the HHSD Chronic Disease Prevention Program to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of high-priority initiatives related to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Community Evidence-Based Strategies for Obesity Prevention. With this funding, HHSD conducted a strategic planning process between June and November 2010 and developed a set of strategy recommendations to be implemented in the Austin community. Per the grant agreement with DSHS, these strategies related specifically to policy and environmental changes to support healthy eating and physical activity.

The interlocal agreement provides funding to Austin Independent School District, Nutrition and Food Services Department (AISD) to implement nutrition environmental changes at one elementary school with a high-risk student population. AISD will: (1) increase access to and availability of healthy foods and beverages in the school cafeteria; (2) decrease access to and availability of unhealthy foods and beverages in the school cafeteria; (3) promote the changes to students, school staff, administration, and parents at the school's "Back to School" open house at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, and (4) measure and report impact of the implementation through sales and tray waste records.

PERFORMANCE

Related Department Goal: Promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities. Deliverables:

By August 15th, 2011, implementation of changes at one elementary school with a high risk student population to the cafeteria serving line to limit access to sugar sweetened beverages and increase access to non-sweetened low-fat milk and fresh or cooked fruits and vegetables.

By August 31st, 2011, pre- and post-implementation measurement of sales and tray waste records that demonstrate impact of the changes.