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## Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 8137 | Agenda Number | 33. |
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| Meeting Date: | 8/18/2011 | Department: | Austin Police Department |
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## Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$30,725 from the Downtown Austin Alliance; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to appropriate an additional \$30,725 for a total of \$570,725 in funding for the Downtown Ranger Program.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Downtown Austin Alliance from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. Grant period is from May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012.

## Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action: June 10, 2010 - City Council approved action to accept funding to maintain positions for the Ranger Program.

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## Additional Backup Information

The Downtown Ranger Program is a unit within APD's Region I Support Command. The program has been an effective tool in addressing downtown public order issues and making the downtown area safer for citizens and visitors. Downtown Rangers are civilian employees that assist officers in the walking beat and bicycle patrol. The Downtown Ranger Program has been successful in providing job opportunities to future APD cadets awaiting the APD Training Academy. This aspect of the program strengthens APD's recruitment efforts. This Council action accepts continued funding to maintain 13 full time equivalent (FTE) positions. The 13 FTE's include 2 Rangers that function in a lead capacity for the Ranger Program. Funding for all 13 FTE positions, which covers salary, fringe benefits and all related equipment such as a police bicycle and radio, is included in the budget so that no general funding is required.

All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.