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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	9431	Agenda Number	22.
Meeting Date:	9/22/2011		Department:	Health and Human Services	
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment Number Eleven to the Truancy Court Pilot Project Interlocal Agreement between the CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY and the TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD for chronic truancy intervention services in an amount not to exceed \$19,414 for a six month term beginning October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 with no renewals.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount \$19,414 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department Approved Operating budget of the Health and Human Services Department.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	October 14, 2010 - Council approved a Truancy Court Interlocal Agreement for the contract period of October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

The Truancy Court is operated by Travis County and the Travis County Juvenile Board. This RCA would authorize the City's Health and Human Services Department to provide \$19,414 to Travis County to help fund the program.

The Truancy Court program is designed to intervene with the students who are chronically truant at their home school. It provides supervision, referrals to community services and regular review of a student's progress towards reduced truancy. For the 2011-12 school year, Truancy Court is providing services at Fulmore, Martin, Mendez and Pearce middle schools by utilizing an on site court process. Students are given an option of participating in this deferred prosecution program or having their cases heard through a formal adjudication process. Upon successful completion of the program, the court dismisses all charges against the juvenile.

This program is in line with the efforts of the Joint Subcommittee of the City of Austin, AISD and Travis County. The Joint Subcommittee has been developing systematic strategies to decrease truancy and increase graduation rates throughout the AISD school system. The Subcommittee developed a resolution calling for a partnership between the three entities to develop a strategic work plan to address the following priorities: Truancy Plus, Student Mobility and Educational Impact Assessment Tool.

Staff, through the direction of the Joint Subcommittee and their respective governmental bodies, developed a number of recommendations.

Part of the recommendations called for the creation of four task forces: a juvenile justice/youth court task force; a workforce development task force; an academic relevance and rigor task force; and a mobility deterrence task force.

These groups are to develop recommendations that will substantially decrease truancy rates. The pilot program will be a part of the overall assessment prepared for the Joint Subcommittees and ultimately, the City Council.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Related Departmental Goal:

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

Outputs

Number of unduplicated clients enrolled (served): 12

Total number of unduplicated Mendez Students enrolled (served): 4

Total number of unduplicated Fulmore Students enrolled (served): 3

Total number of unduplicated Pearce Students enrolled (served): 3

Total number of unduplicated Martin Students enrolled (served): 2

Outcomes

Percentage of unduplicated clients successfully discharged 65%