

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the African American Men and Boys Conference began in 2006 as a special project designed to provide resources, information, and support for developing a more self-sufficient African American community; and

WHEREAS, the African American Men and Boys Conference was incorporated as the African American Men and Boys Harvest Foundation (AAMBHF) in 2007 to build upon the already successful grassroots efforts to improve quality of life in the African American community by increasing awareness of college and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, the AAMBHF was specifically designed to bring together African American men and women to serve as mentors and role models for boys and girls with the primary objective of reducing the achievement gap between African American youth and their higher-achieving peers; and

WHEREAS, the City provided funding in FY2012 to AAMBHF in order to continue the conferences and establish the resource center, and its achievements far exceeded the requirements of the contract by serving over 3700 unduplicated youth and parents in the community; and

WHEREAS, the AAMBHF is in jeopardy of having to limit the conferences that serve thousands of community members due to cuts by other funding sources, and the resource center may have to turn away people in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, the AAMBHF has a recognized need of \$102,000 in order to accomplish their goals, and it has identified specific outputs and performance measures that will result from the increased funding; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to identify potential funding sources to meet the increased demand for services and conferences offered by the African American Men and Boys Harvest Foundation.

The City Manager shall provide his recommendations by August 29, 2012.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk