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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	22255	Agenda Number	12.
Meeting Date:	2/28/2013		Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Community College and the University of Texas at Austin to implement the Colony Park Challenge Grant Public Engagement Plan in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding is available in the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Fiscal Year 2012-13 Operating Budget, which includes \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Challenge Grant and \$50,000 from the Housing Trust Fund.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>August 25, 2011 – Council approved a resolution authorizing application for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. December 15, 2011 – Council approved acceptance of \$3,000,000 in grant funds from the Community Challenge Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.</p>			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
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Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

If approved, this resolution would authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement among the City of Austin, Austin Community College (ACC) and the University of Texas at Austin (UT) for the purpose of implementing the Colony Park Challenge Grant Public Engagement Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

The type of activities involved will include the creation of surveys, outreach activities including door-to-door canvassing, production of promotional materials, facilitation of focus groups and public meetings, and assistance with public design workshops. These activities will be conducted by students and faculty from ACC and UT. Students and faculty will be reimbursed by the City of Austin.

In 2011, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded a \$3 million Challenge Grant to the City of Austin to create a master plan for 208 acres of City-owned property in the Colony Park neighborhood of Austin. The goal of the initiative is to create a master plan that integrates and reflects the needs and interests of the surrounding community while incorporating best practices in sustainable development. In order to achieve this goal NHCD staff and its partners in the Colony Park Neighborhood Association have drafted a Public Engagement Plan that is designed to ensure an inclusive, community-wide process resulting in a final master plan that reflects the diversity of the community. Ensuring community engagement and input is crucial to successfully implementing the Colony Park Challenge Grant.