



SUACG Update Dec. 2012 –Mar. 2013

- Community Transformation Grant Projects
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- Imagine Austin
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Community Transformation Grant



Year 2 / Partnership with HHSD – Heather & Meg are funded through CTG Grant and our work primarily revolves around completing these deliverables

- Implement plan to increase the number of urban farms, community gardens, farmers' markets and /or farm-to-site programs in areas of high need.
 - Compilation of integrated GIS platform for Austin's Local Food System
 - Food & Farm Educational Summit (9/21/13)
 - Collaborative work to establish more opportunities for agriculture
 - Mini-grant Program – coming May – August 2013; offering \$2,500 grants to organizations promoting sustainable food production and healthy food access in Austin. This program will run similar to HHSD's mini-grant program

Community Transformation Grant



- Collaborate with a multi-departmental team to draft a procurement plan to increase the percentage of healthy and local food purchasing in all City of Austin departments.
- Provide technical assistance to the multi-departmental City team about healthy and local food procurement and to PARD during the transition to 50% healthy vending policy
- Assist in increasing the number of existing joint use agreements that provide physical activity and recreation opportunities throughout Travis County.
- Facilitate implementation of community-led health programs and initiatives in the Dove Springs area.
- Assist with working groups' planning and development related to the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

Community Garden Projects

- Gus Garcia Rec Center – under construction / group facilitation
- SASAC – partnership with St. David's Fdtn. / year 2 planting
- Virginia L. Brown Senior Garden – partnership with St. David's Fdtn.
- YMCA / North Austin Rec. Center – site redesign
- Festival Beach Redesign – facilitating Design Charrette
- Dove Springs Rec Center – passive agriculture opportunities
- Heritage Village Butterfly and Community Garden – on Walnut Creek Greenbelt
- Pan Am Rec Center Senior Garden – partnership with St. David's Fdtn
- East Lola Community Garden – gathering community support
- MacBeth Rec Center – teaching beds supplied through CTG funds
- South Austin Rec Center – teaching beds supplied through CTG funds
- Oak View Park / Oak View Community Garden – working on application
- Patterson Park Community Garden – in final design phase
- Multi Cultural Refugee Center – seeking public land for plots
- UT Micro-farm – UT run student farm, endorsed and active

Imagine Austin Collaborations

- Green Infrastructure working group
 - Open Space & Acquisition meeting participation
 - Watershed collaboration on code changes related to urban ag.
 - Monthly – Bi monthly meetings with group
 - Fine tuning ideas for opportunity for Urban Agricultural on a larger, more commercial scale is a possible outcome from working group, but more understanding about growing food for commercial sale, leasing land for agricultural activity, etc. is needed
 - A DRAFT RFP for Urban Agriculture Activities on Public Land has been completed.
- Healthy Austin working group
 - HHSD CHIP participation
 - CTG grant deliverables
 - Monthly meetings with group

Staffing Plan

- Meg Williams will be on staff until 3/29/13
- Heather Frambach will be on staff until August 2013
- **New Hire opportunities**
 - Conservation Program Coordinator Position (full time)
 - posted 3/25/13; projected hire date summer 2013
 - CTG Grant coordinator position (full time, temp)
 - to be hired April 2013
 - Administrative Assistant (part time)
 - to be hired spring/summer 2013