

RESOLUTION NO. 20140410-032

WHEREAS, the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Program is funded by the United States Department of Education and administered by the Texas Education Agency under the name Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE); and

WHEREAS, Central Texas ACE goals include increasing academic achievement and attendance, improving behavior, and increasing promotion rates and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, each Central Texas ACE program provides research-based academic support including tutoring and homework help, college and career readiness, family engagement activities including literacy, English as Second Language programs, family fitness, and enrichment including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), fine arts, and health and fitness; and

WHEREAS, local ACE programs operate in the Austin, Del Valle, Manor, Pflugerville, and Round Rock Independent School Districts; and

WHEREAS, in July 2014, grants for this program totaling \$5,370,237 will end affecting funding for programs attended by 8,514 youth at 53 schools; and

WHEREAS, \$1,418,937 of the funding loss will directly impact Austin Independent School District (AISD) and result in 2,617 local students losing services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has a history of investing in child and youth services and is dedicating over three million dollars of social service funding through the Health and Human Services Department in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for these services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has previously entered into multiple interlocal agreements with AISD to share costs or space for programs benefiting the youth in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has a Youth and Family Services/Initiatives Office within Human Resources that is tasked in part with evaluating existing City services and collaborating with other entities to ensure the efficient development and delivery of quality youth programs; and

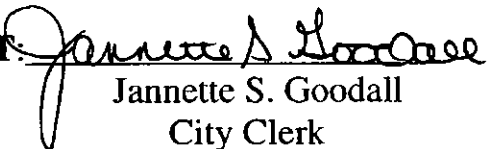
WHEREAS, efforts through the Joint Subcommittees of the City of Austin, AISD, and Travis County are currently examining the potential for shared use of specific facilities and evaluating the possible overlaps of centers for service and programs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to explore potential opportunities for the City of Austin to help offset the impact of impending funding cuts to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Program, including any opportunities for sharing resources through interlocal agreements, potential partnerships with current Central Texas ACE programs, or any other recommendations that can be considered during the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget process.

ADOPTED: April 10, 2014

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk