

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	32971	Agenda Number	13.
Meeting Date:	5/22/2014			Department:	Public Works
Subject					
Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) authorizing acceptance of \$44,900 in grant funds from the Sustainable Food Center of Austin, Texas for the implementation of a targeted, comprehensive Safe Routes to School Program in the Dove Springs area.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available from the Sustainable Food Center of Austin. The grant period is April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	June 27, 2013: Council approved award of grant				
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

The Sustainable Food Center of Austin is acting as the fiduciary agency in charge of subcontracting funds received from the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. The City of Austin Public Works Department (PWD) was selected to receive funding to implement a focused, comprehensive Safe Routes to School Program in the Dove Springs area. This program will enable and encourage children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk or bicycle to school, thereby making healthy lifestyle changes from an early age.

This program initiative will be focused in six schools: Houston Elementary, Rodriguez Elementary, Widen Elementary, Langford Elementary, Perez Elementary, and Mendez Middle. The goals of this initiative are in line with the Child Safety/Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program goals, which are as follows:

- To enable and encourage all children to choose a health-enhancing, physically-active mode of transportation to and from school and to facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will promote a health-enhancing, physically-active lifestyle, improve safety, and reduce traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of Austin's schools.

These goals will be achieved through school and neighborhood assessments, SRTS/Safe Destinations workshops conducted in the community, formation of walking school buses and bike trains, SRTS encouragement events that will result in an increased percentage of children grades K-8 that walk or bicycle to school in the Dove Springs neighborhood.