

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Commissioners Court Meeting

Item ID 36648 Agenda Number 56.

Meeting Date: 9/25/2014 Department: Austin Police Department

Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting \$26,779 in grant funds from the Downtown Austin Alliance; and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate \$26,779 for the Austin Police Department project entitled the Downtown Ranger Program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$26,779 is available in a grant from the Downtown Austin Alliance. A City match is not required.

Fiscal Note

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Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Council last approved this funding on September 26, 2013.
For More Information:	Jason Dusterhoft, Assistant Chief 974-5030
Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The current Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund includes \$626,000 in grant funding from the Downtown Austin Alliance for the Downtown Ranger Program. APD just received a grant award in the amount of \$652,779 from the Downtown Austin Alliance. This grant award is \$26,779 more than anticipated.

The Downtown Ranger Program is vital to maintaining public safety within the downtown Austin area. Grant funding from the Downtown Austin Alliance will allow the City to continue the salaries of 13 existing grant-funded full-time equivalent positions, as well as uniforms, equipment, and other program expenses for the Downtown Ranger Program for the project period of May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant. All department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.