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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	**Item ID**	36160	**Agenda Number**	8.
Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	**Department:**	Parks and Recreation	

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of $3,100 in additional grant funds from the Capital Area Food Bank; and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate $3,100 for the Kid's Café grant program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Capital Area Food Bank. The grant period is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. A City match is not required

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Kids Cafe was started by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Coastal Georgia in 1989. In 1993, Feeding America launched the national Kids Cafe program. Today there are more than 1,500 Kids Cafes in operation throughout the United States.

The mission of the Kids Cafe Program is to help alleviate child hunger in America through the provision of nutritious meals served to children at-risk of hunger in safe, accessible sites. The Kids Cafe Program also includes nutrition education and enrichment activities.

The City of Austin, Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) currently offers the Kids Cafe program at the Montopolis Recreation Center and the Dove Springs Recreation Center. The Kids Cafe Program is established in communities where more than 51% of the children are eligible for free or reduced priced breakfast and lunch.

The purpose of this request is to allow the department to establish a new Kids Cafe Program site at the Turner Roberts Recreation Center, which serves the Colony Loop Community. The department currently proposes serving approximately 50 hot, nutritious meals per day, four days a week of the current academic year and the beginning of the next academic year (September 30, 2014).

Kids Cafe®, a program of Feeding America, provides free, nutritious evening meals to low-income children through a variety of existing community locations where children congregate. These locations include but are not limited to Boys and Girls Clubs, housing authorities, churches, and public schools. In addition to providing meals to kids, all Kids Cafe programs also offer educational, recreational, and social activities in a safe place under the supervision of adults.

Program Objectives

1. Serve nutritious meals and snacks to children at-risk of hunger
2. Provide programs within easily accessible safe sites
3. Supplement the meal service with enrichment activities
4. Assist in strengthening both the financial stability and programmatic capacity of our partnering sites

Sustainability Impact/Transition Plan – The grant funds provide for

1. Nutritious meals to be prepared at the recreation centers where more than 51% of the children are eligible for free or reduced priced breakfast and lunch.
2. The hourly wage of the chef who is responsible for planning and preparing the nutritious meals.
3. Some culinary equipment needed for the preparation of the meals.

All administrative staffing for the program is provided by existing PARD staff. The department is working with additional partners for similar service delivery at several other recreation centers. If the grant funds are reduced or eliminated, PARD can consider transitioning this program to the alternative service provider. The alternative service provider provides meals that are considered "cold meals" and are prepared at off-site commercial kitchens.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.