

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 74145 Agenda Number 25.

Meeting Date: 8/31/2017 Department: Austin Police Department

Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled APD Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Allocation to States Fund for the project period of October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018. No match is required.

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is not required. Purchasing Language: Prior Council Action: August 11, 2016 For More Information: Troy Gay, Assistant Police Chief, Austin Police Department (512)974-5030 Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: MBE / WBE: Related Items:

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division to complete the award process related to \$28,749 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018. State Juvenile Justice Grant Programs funding will allow the City to provide officer overtime to assist with youth initiatives citywide and to continue the lease of a 15-passenger van. State funds are also allocated to send officers to the national PAL conference.

The goal of this program is to provide police officer-led diversion programs for hundreds of Austin youth involved in, or considered at-risk for, involvement with the juvenile and criminal justice systems and/or gang affiliation or membership. Citywide youth are referred to the program by law enforcement, local government agencies, school personnel, and community members. The Travis County Juvenile Justice system allows youth to participate in programming to complete required community service hours. Participants come from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Victimized youth, children of incarcerated parents, and documented juvenile gang members and affiliates are specifically targeted for services. The project is operational 4 days per week, 52 weeks a year, and includes a summer camp.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that addresses items one through four below.

- 1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
- 2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
- 3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during the grant period.); and
- 4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD