

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: June 14, 2018

Item Number: **033**

Public Health

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an agreement with the Quality of Life Foundation for job placement and training services, and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Operating Budget to accept and appropriate \$67,500 in grant funds from the Quality of Life Foundation for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$67,500 is available from the Quality of Life Foundation. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.
Prior Council Action	June 22, 2017 - Council approved on Ordinance No. 20170622-018 accepting funds from the Quality of Life Foundation for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program on a 10 - 0 vote, with Council Member Troxclair absent.
For More Information	Stephanie Hayden, Director, 512-972-5010; Donna Sundstrom, Assistant Director, Austin Public Health, 512-972-5038; Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Administrator 512-972-5004; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039.

Additional Backup Information:

The Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program (ELSIP) is a program that offers internship opportunities to youth between the ages 15 to 18. The City is partnering with the Quality of Life Foundation to provide funds for the ELSIP program, which will be used to employ the youth and will provide the workforce training necessary to prepare the students to enter the workforce. The Youth & Family Services Division of the City's Human Resources Division has received these funds since 2013 but the program is now managed by the Austin Public Health Department.

Program Background

The Emerging Leaders Summer Internship Program is an initiative from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and their financial partner, Bank of America.

Bank of America provides funds to cities to create summer youth employment opportunities. National teen unemployment rates continue to hover around 24%. Rates are higher in many states and for certain demographic groups. The ELSIP will leverage public and private funding to place low-to-moderate income teens in summer jobs. This program helps meet a critical need for summer youth employment to fill funding gaps with the goal of strengthening our communities. The benefit provides productive summer engagement and learning opportunities for at-risk teens, including a work experience that can set them on a course towards lifetime economic self-sufficiency.

At the end of this program, the youth will have:

- learned how to work in a professional environment;
- learned how to manage their money through a financial training that is provided during training;
- participated in two field trips to learn about government; and
- participated in a Culminating Ceremony where they give a verbal report on their work.

Agreement

Bank of America contacted the City because of the City's membership in the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The Quality of Life Foundation was awarded funding and will execute an agreement with the City to provide funding for the implementation of the ELSIP.