



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 14
AGENDA DATE: Thu 06/09/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$26,900 in grant funds from the Junior League of Austin; and amending the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-1, to appropriate \$26,900 for the Naturalist Workshop Project at the Austin Nature and Science Center.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$26,900 is available from the Junior League of Austin. The grant period is June 15, 2005 through May 31, 2006. No City match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Parks and Recreation **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: **AUTHORIZATION:** Warren Struss

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Warren Struss , Director, 974-6716 ; Margaret Russell , Cultural and Arts Supervisor, 481-1466

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Division of Natural Resources will use the grant monies to provide a Naturalist Workshop Coordinator and materials for children to learn about nature and sciences through interactive participation in a naturalist workshop.

The \$26,900 in grant funds will be used in the following way. The 20 hour per week coordinator's position (non-benefited) will be funded with \$16,000 of the grant funds. Responsibilities of the coordinator's position includes, creating ties to the natural science groups and organizations, creating the training manual, training volunteers, and filling in trader counter hours. The remaining \$10,900 of grant funds will be used to purchase trade collection, (including rocks, minerals, shells, and seeds), to purchase laboratory detection instruments (including scales, graduated cylinders tanks, pans, lapidary tools, and magnifiers), and to obtain a stereoscope. In addition this money will be used to purchase books for the resource library and to print training manuals and promotional fliers.

The naturalist workshop is an educational program designed to encourage our youth to appreciate the natural world by challenging them to learn about the biological and physical components of their environment.

One goal of this program is to further the interest and study of science (especially in children) and increase awareness of and appreciation for the natural world through an increase in participatory programs. The grant period is June 15, 2005 to May 31, 2006.



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The acceptance of this grant will not require the Parks Department to increase its Operating Budget.

This grant links to the following departmental goal: Increase participation in structured community recreation in the Austin community annually.

The performance measures affected by the grant include:

1. Offer 30% of its community recreation programs free
2. Strive for a 98% favorable rating for Museum Services
3. Naturalist workshop will engage 10% of visitors in trading, resulting in 20,000 trades

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$26,900 in grant funds from the Junior League of Austin.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$26,900 for the Naturalist Workshop Project at the Austin Nature and Science Center.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2005 §
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 § _____
 Will Wynn
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____
 David Allan Smith
 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
 Shirley A. Brown
 City Clerk

**OPERATING BUDGET
Fiscal Note**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

6/2/2005
Ordinance
Parks and Recreation

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2004-2005</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2004-2005</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
Kids Café Program	\$0	\$26,900	\$26,900
6/15/05-5/31/06			
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$26,900</u>	<u>\$26,900</u>
FTEs	-	0.00	-

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Budget Office

Maria [Signature]

Date

6-2-05