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CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Approve execution of Amendment Number One (1) to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for the Summer Youth Employment Program revising budget and performance for the period October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$203,630 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$33,777 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget for the Human Resources Department. Funding in the amount of \$83,634 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department's Travis County Reimbursed Fund.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Health and Human  
**DEPARTMENT:** Services

**DIRECTOR'S  
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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved Summer Youth Employment Interlocal Agreement with Travis County on February 13, 2003

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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**Background:**

This program provides job readiness training and summer employment for youth ages 14-17, in collaboration with private and public sector employers and community-based organizations. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for youth development through meaningful work experiences that promote economic self-sufficiency, good citizenship and healthy lifestyles, with special emphasis on high-risk youth and youth with disabilities. Youth are trained in career exploration and job readiness skills, and conflict resolution, personal health and environmental awareness, and other employment related issues.

In FY03, responsibility for administration of the Summer Youth Employment Program was transferred to Travis County. Travis County created a job development position and hired the summer youth liaisons so that program coordination and accountability resided with the same entity. A job development coordinator position for Youth with Disabilities was also created to work with employers to increase job opportunities for youth with disabilities. The City provided in-kind support by processing the job



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applications and payments for youth participants through the City payroll system in FY03, but the payroll responsibility was to be picked up by Travis County in FY04.

The Proposed FY04 Interlocal Amendment will:

- Decrease the number of youth placed through private sector employment from 50 to 35
- Return the responsibility for youth payroll processing to the City of Austin HHSD
- Reduce the County and City contributions to the program based on FY04 budgets

During FY04, only one of the two Travis County job developer positions was filled, but maintained the same level of commitment for working with youth with disabilities. However, due to economic conditions, many employers were reluctant to hire youth in private sector positions while reducing their current workforce, thus making the goal of 50 private sector placements difficult to attain.

The original FY04 Interlocal agreement contains a provision in which Travis County would pay stipends directly to the youth. At this time, Travis County has not been able to set up payroll systems that would allow them to assume responsibility for this function. In order for youth to be paid this summer, the City of Austin HHSD will continue to pay the youth and once again be reimbursed by Travis County. There is an accompanying RCA request (Serial #5571 6/17/04) to amend the budget in the amount of \$83,634 reflecting this change.

For FY04 there was a reduction in both City and County funding from the Approved FY04 Interlocal agreement. The City reduction is \$68,640 and the County reduction is \$8,589 from projected FY04 Interlocal renewal amounts.

The revised Summer Youth Interlocal Program amount to be included in the revised Interlocal Agreement is \$570,745 (\$237,407 from the City and \$333,338 from Travis County). This includes funding for staff, liaisons, and youth participants.

Acceptance of Amendment One (1) to FY04 Interlocal Agreement by the City of Austin is conditional on the acceptance of the amendment by the Travis County Commissioners Court.

**Performance Measures:**

**Related Goals:**

Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations

**Outputs:**

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| • Provide job readiness training           | 800 |
| • Number of youth placed in SYEP jobs      | 600 |
| • Number of youth with Disabilities placed | 50  |
| • Number of private sector placements      | 35  |

**Requested Council Action:**

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Disposition:

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