



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 28
AGENDA DATE: Thu 09/30/2004
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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of \$30,425 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Fund for the Austin Faith Community Network to increase youth activities and continue hosting the annual conference.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the grant period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005. A cash match of \$12,075 is required, and is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget for the Austin Police Department.

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

REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Rick Coy

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: January 8, 2004 resolution to apply for the grant.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This action approves a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of \$30,425 in third-year grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Fund for the Austin Faith Community Network to increase youth activities and continue hosting a regional conference. The annual conference provides specialized training to faith-based service providers, showcases faith community efforts, and presents new approaches to providing services and activities for youth in Austin and other cities.

There are over 100 congregations of all faiths participating in the Austin Faith Community Network and many provide social services for youth. These congregations see the need to increase youth activities in the areas of career development, safety and outreach to the elderly to bridge the generation gap. Examples of the activities that will be funded include: increasing youth participation in a large College and Career Fair; funding approximately 120 youth bus passes for safe transportation across busy thoroughfares for students attending Fulmore Middle School, and organizing youth to perform minor home repairs for elderly residents.

The grant period will run from September 1, 2004 – August 31, 2005. The funding shifts over the five years from 100% grant funded in year 1 and 2; 75% grant funded in year 3. If the grant is funded past three years, cost share is 50% grant funded in year 4; and 25% grant funded in year 5. If the grant goals and objectives are reached, the Department will request funding from the General Fund to continue the program if grant funding ends.

This grant addresses the Department goal of reducing crime, fear of crime, and improving the quality of life of Austin's residents. It also addresses the following APD Activity Objective: The purpose of Community Partnerships is to establish partnerships and provide collaborative problem solving opportunities, neighborhood services, and education to residents so that together, police and citizens can improve safety, the perception of safety and neighborhood quality of life.

RESOLUTION NO. 040930-

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

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin, to authorize the application for and acceptance of \$30,425 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Fund for the Austin Faith Community Network to increase youth activities and continue hosting the annual conference; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for and acceptance of State grant renewal funds for said project, in the amount of \$30,425 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Fund for the Austin Faith Community Network to increase youth activities and continue hosting the annual conference; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to provide for the applicable \$12,075 cash match as required by the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for public safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept,

reject, alter or terminate this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council approves the application for and acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$30,425.

ADOPTED: September 30, 2004

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk