



**Grant  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Approve a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of \$25,583 in grant renewal funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG), to continue enforcement of juvenile Class C Misdemeanor offenses and to contract with La FUENTE for a juvenile diversion program.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Grant funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the grant period of August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007. A cash match of \$2,843 is required and is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Police Department. Total funding for the JAIBG project is \$28,426.

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

**REQUESTING Police  
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION:** Robert Dahlstrom

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** April 7, 2005 prior year grant acceptance.

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

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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This action approves a resolution authorizing the City to apply for and accept \$25,583 in renewal funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program. The grant period runs from August 1, 2006 – July 31, 2007. A match of \$2,843 is required and is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Police Department.

This funding will be used to support the Juvenile Accountability and Community Service (JACS) office at the Police Department. JACS is responsible for tracking juvenile class C citations and reducing the current backlog of warrants for youth with outstanding Class C citations. These violations include, but are not limited to: curfew, possession of tobacco, disorderly conduct and petty theft. With the JABG funds, APD will contract with La FUENTE, a nonprofit organization recognized in the community for its youth programs. La FUENTE Learning Center, "Forming, Uniting, Educating Neighbors Toward Excellence," was formed in September 2001 through the effort of Cristo Ray Church. Through the partnership with the Austin Police Department JACS, La FUENTE will offer the Survival Skills Youth Program which is a 30-hour program with pre- and posttest, along with a graduation and certificate ceremony. This grant funding will allow 60 referred youth to attend the program as an alternative form of adjudication. Grant funds will be used to make the program available for economically disadvantaged families who would ordinarily be unable to enroll in the La FUENTE program.

Once a youth is adjudicated, the Municipal Court judge may allow the youth to attend the program in order to dismiss the class C citation. The Judge in hearing the case will consider the recommendations of the Municipal Court Prosecutor and the JACS case managers. As an alternative, or in addition to the Survival Skills Youth Program, La FUENTE may use funds from this grant to facilitate placement for youths into the DELTA program. The DELTA-AISD partnership is a successful high school credit recovery program that breaks the generational dropout cycle. This grant addresses the Department goal to improve the quality of life so that Austin's residents



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live, work and play in clean, safe neighborhoods. It also addresses the following APD Activity Objective: The purpose of Centralized Investigations, Youth Services includes the Diversion of juvenile offenders from the criminal justice system through alternative programs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20060323-**

**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 \$25,583 in grant renewal funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG); to continue enforcement of juvenile Class C Misdemeanor offenses and to contract with La FUENTE for a juvenile diversion program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the proposed application for and acceptance of grant renewal funds for said project, in the amount of \$25,583 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG), to continue enforcement of juvenile Class C Misdemeanor offenses and to contract with La FUENTE for a juvenile diversion program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to providing for the applicable matching funds as required; 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, agree to 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, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG) in the amount of \$25,853.**

**ADOPTED: March 23, 2006**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Shirley A. Gentry**  
**City Clerk**