

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



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Thursday, May 4, 2006

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Police**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing application for and acceptance of \$100,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Title V program to continue the Juvenile Accountability and Community Service (JACS) program at the Austin Police Department.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available for the grant period September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. A cash match of \$81,305 is required and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Police Department. Total funding for the Title V project is \$181,305.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material

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For More Information:

Prior Council Action: Year 1 grant acceptance, September 26, 2005.

Boards and Commission Action:

The purpose of this item is to approve a resolution authorizing application of \$100,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Title V program. The grant period runs from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. A match of \$81,305 is required and will be met by through salary costs and with volunteer hours. The matching salary costs will be included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Police Department. Total project cost, not including volunteer hours, is \$181,305.

This grant application is for a second year of funding to continue to support the Juvenile Accountability and Community Service (JACS) program at the Police Department. JACS is responsible for reducing the number of warrants for youths with outstanding Class C Misdemeanor citations and providing comprehensive case management for the most at-risk youths. These violations include, but are not limited to, curfew, possession of tobacco, and petty theft. Four positions are supported with the Title V funds: a full-time administrative assistant who serves as an intake specialist by assisting youths and their families who come to the JACS for processing; a part-time administrative assistant who contacts the parents or guardians of youths with outstanding warrants in an effort to bring them into compliance; and, a neighborhood liaison and case manager who identify youths with repeat offenses and provide case management and social service referrals where needed. The latter two positions follow up with social service organizations to ensure that youths are completing their court-ordered alternative adjudication programs.

In addition, an internship program has been developed for students pursuing degrees in

educational psychology or social work. Under the internship program, the students will receive experience in juvenile case management. In its first year of funding, the JACS program will have provided case management services to 90 youths. The JACS program will also process 500 youth, reducing the warrant backlog from 1425 to 925 by grant year end.

This grant addresses the Departmental goal to improve the quality of life so that Austin's residents 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. 20060504-0XX

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 \$100,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Title V program, to continue the Juvenile Accountability and Community Service (JACS) program at the Austin Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for and acceptance of State grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$100,000 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to continue the Juvenile Accountability and Community Service (JACS) program at the Austin Police Department; 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 in the amount of \$100,000.

ADOPTED: May 4, 2006

ATTEST:

**Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk**