



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Recommendation Number: 20131125-005a

WHEREAS, there are over 100 services funded through the city that address youth ages 0 to 20; and

WHEREAS, the August 2013 Youth Provider Services Report states there is a shortage of targeted services for African American and Latino youth ages 12 to 20; and

WHEREAS, 2/3 of local and state prisoners are high school dropouts, and disproportionately African American and Latino; and

WHEREAS, dropout rates are projected to continue to grow each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has an immediate and pressing need to provide effective programming for young African American and Latino men and women; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Unlimited Program has a demonstrated positive effect on the outcomes of youth ages 12 to 18; and

WHEREAS, Youth Unlimited Program provides both a group motivational mentoring program and an entrepreneurial program to help young men and women realize their value to themselves and to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Unlimited Program has a demonstrated capacity to affect the lives of up to 400 students in its mentoring program and up to 80 youth in the entrepreneurial program; and

WHEREAS, mentoring and motivational programs are most effective when directed by individuals who have experienced the circumstances and conditions of the youth they hope to influence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Commission on Human Rights hereby recommends the Austin City Council allocate \$32,000 to fund the Youth Unlimited Program for eighteen months beginning January 2014 and concluding August 2015.

Date of approval: November 25, 2013

Record of the vote: approved on a unanimous vote. Commissioner Luu motion, Commissioner Cortez second. Commissioner Clark was absent.

Attest: Jonathan Babiak

Jonathan Babiak, Administrator, Equal Employment & Fair Housing Office & Liaison, Austin Human Rights Commission