

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	54304	Agenda Number	15.
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Meeting Date:	2/4/2016	Department:	Health and Human Services
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Subject

Approve the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT for a mentoring project in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, for an eight-month term from February 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016, with five 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$90,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$15,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	On June 21, 2013, the City of Austin/AISD Board of Trustees/Travis County Commissioners Court Joint Committee passed a Resolution approving the creation of the Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council and related budget. On September 8, 2015, Council approved Ordinance No. 20150908-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operating Budget.
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Additional Backup Information

□ Youth mentoring” is defined as a sustained relationship between a young person and a caring adult who is screened and trained to provide the young person with support, guidance, and assistance. Research has shown that youth participating in mentoring relationships experience positive academic returns, such as improved attendance, increased likelihood of high school graduation, increased likelihood of post-secondary education, and a more positive attitude toward school. It has been estimated that as many as 5,000 students in Austin Independent School District (AISD) would benefit from the support, guidance, and assistance of a trained, caring, and responsible volunteer mentor.

Understanding the benefits of youth mentoring on December 16, 2011, the Joint Subcommittees of the City, Travis County, and AISD created a Mentoring Task Force that would report to the Joint Subcommittee with findings and recommendations to promote youth mentoring. On January 18, 2013, the Mentoring Task Force presented the Joint Subcommittees the following recommendations:

1. Creation of the Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council, consisting of 24 members, whose

composition includes seven members appointed by each governmental agency and three mentor service providers;

2. Appointment of an AISD staff member to oversee the district-wide mentoring efforts and provide support and guidance for the Mentoring Advisory Council;
3. Presentation of an annual accountability update to the Joint Subcommittees.

On January 18, 2013, the members of the Joint Subcommittees directed staff to draft a resolution for action by the City Council, Travis County Commissioners Court, and the AISD Board of Trustees in support of the recommendations of the Mentoring Task Force, including a proposed budget to address expenses of the newly created Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council. On June 21, 2013, the members of the Joint Subcommittees unanimously adopted a motion approving the newly created Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council and related budget of \$45,000 for activities and services for a twelve-month period, with the City contributing an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per fiscal year to support the efforts and outcomes of the Austin/Travis County Mentoring Advisory Council.

The following deliverables will be achieved with this agreement:

1. Explore and pursue the creation and implementation of a data sharing system between the City, County, and District;
2. Create and implement a system community support for mentor recruitment;
3. Define program quality standards;
4. Explore and pursue funding models that ensure providers have the capacity to scale services to meet the depth of existing and future need;
5. Pursue collaborative grants and private gifts to the extent possible to offset the need for local funding;
6. Facilitate access to schools on behalf of service providers; and
7. Operate under the auspice of the Joint Subcommittees of the City, Travis County and AISD, with the production of at least one annual report to the Joint Subcommittees that can be shared with the governing entity of each member, as well as any other agreed upon reporting requirements.