



RECOMMENDATION  
**Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities**

Recommendation Number 20220311-002c: Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Recommendation to increase funding for recreational services, including day habilitation services, for people with intellectual disabilities

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MCPD) regularly considers significant and diverse issues impacting residents of and visitors to the City of Austin with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities;

WHEREAS, family members of children and adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced an acute lack of recreational and vocational programming for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in Austin, including a long waiting list for recreational programming for children with intellectual disabilities and day habilitation services for adults using both state funds for people with disabilities and private pay at the McBeth Recreational Center;

WHEREAS, the lack of available day habilitation programming for adults with intellectual disabilities impacts the ability of family members of adults with intellectual disabilities to work and support their families and impacts their quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MCPD requests that the City prioritize for funding in its Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget increased programming through the City of Austin Parks Department for people with intellectual disabilities, including increased recreational programming for children and day habilitation programming for people with intellectual disabilities at the McBeth Recreational Center and at other recreational centers, for those paying for such programming using state funds or paying privately, and increased inclusive recreational programming for people with intellectual disabilities and those without in all parts of Austin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities requests that the Austin City Council allocate funds and explore all available means to increase programming and improve services for people with disabilities.

Date of Approval: March 11, 2022

Record of the vote: 6-0; Commissioner Trejo motion, Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil second. Voting in favor were Chair Franks, Commissioner Broadwater, Commissioner Gidseg, Commissioner Kearns-Osterweil, Commissioner Orłowski, and Commissioner Trejo.

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