



Recommendation for Action

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Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Good Work Austin to operate the GIFT Community Kitchen and provide workforce development and life skills education services while supporting the local food system, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$125,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget.

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of the negotiation and execution of an agreement with Good Work Austin will provide workforce development and life skills education services while supporting the local food system. Good Work Austin will operate the GIFT Community Kitchen (Program), which will function as a non-profit café and commercial kitchen learning space. The Program will recruit participants with a focus on people living below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, and work with partners to conduct specialized outreach to refugees, youth exiting the foster care system, people experiencing homelessness, and more. The Program will promote skill development and job placement and will assist participants in accessing health and wellness resources. The Program will also produce healthy meals for shelters, senior facilities, pantries, schools, and other sites addressing food insecurity in Austin and Travis County.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.