



**Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing application of \$155,545 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Title V Program, to continue enforcement of juvenile Class C criminal offenses and incorporate case management for youth.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Grant funding is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the grant period of September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. A match of \$63,377 is required and will be met with existing salary cost and volunteer hours. The matching salary cost is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Police Department.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Rick Coy**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Coy, Assistant Chief of Police

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: New grant application, no prior Council action.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This action approves a resolution authorizing the City to apply for \$155,545 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, 2005 – August 31, 2006. A match of \$63,377 is required and will be met with existing salary cost and volunteer hours. The matching salary cost is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Police Department. Total project cost not including volunteer hours is \$196,243.

This funding will be used to support the Juvenile Accountability and Community Service (JACS) office at the Police Department. JACS is responsible for tracking juvenile class C citations and reducing the current backlog of warrants for youth with outstanding Class C citations. These violations include, but are not limited to curfew, possession of tobacco, and petty theft. With the Title V funds, four positions are supported: a full-time administrative assistant will serve as a "youth intake specialist" by assisting youth and their families who come to the JACS for processing; a part-time administrative assistant who enters citation data into the JACS database; and a Neighborhood Liaison who contacts parents and make them aware of the law regarding the consequences of outstanding youth citations and warrants. The Liaison helps parents to schedule a court hearing, and is often present in the court when the youth is magistrates. At Municipal Court, Judges may offer a diversion program for youth to address their Class C citations.

This grant application will add a Case Manager position who will office at the APD JACS, but will work closely with Municipal Court judges handling juvenile Class C non-traffic citations. The Judges and the caseworker will identify youth with repeat offenses and provide case management and social service referrals where needed. The case manager will follow up with social service organizations to ensure that youth are completing their court-ordered alternative adjudication programs.

In addition, Municipal Court will develop an internship program for students pursuing degrees in educational psychology or social work who will receive experience in case management. The new caseworker position is contingent upon available grant funds. This grant addresses the Department goal to improve the quality of life so



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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. 20050407-

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 of \$155,545 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Title V Program, to continue enforcement of juvenile Class C criminal offenses and incorporate case management for youth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for State grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$155,545 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Title V Program, to continue enforcement of juvenile Class C criminal offenses and incorporate case management for youth; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to provide 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, 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 grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$155,545.

ADOPTED: April 7, 2005 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk