



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing an application for grant funding to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office, Operation Weed and Seed in the amount of \$175,000 in grant funds for the Central East Austin Weed and Seed Program for law enforcement, crime prevention and community revitalization.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$175,000 is available in the grant period October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office. This is the first year of a five-year grant. No cash match is required.

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/974-5021

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This action approves a resolution authorizing the City of Austin, Austin Police Department, to apply for \$175,000 in first year grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office, Operation Weed and Seed. Operation Weed and Seed is a program that incorporates community-based initiatives into a comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization. The Central East Austin Weed and Seed Program was given Official Recognition by the U.S. Department of Justice on June 1, 2005. This formal recognition allows the City of Austin to apply for grant funding for a five-year period.

Operation Weed and Seed is designed to promote collaboration among residents, law enforcement, government officials, prosecutors, schools, local businesses, churches/synagogues and social service providers to "weed out" violent crime, gang activity and drugs in a designated community and "seed in" coordinated social services, economic revitalization and neighborhood restoration.

The funding, which is required to be divided evenly between "weeding" and "seeding" operations, will be distributed as follows:

Weeding (\$87,500)

1. \$63,000 - Personnel (overtime to conduct special sting operations and law enforcement activities)
2. \$3,500 - Travel (to Weed and Seed conferences and training)
3. \$4,500 - Equipment (2 laptop computers)
4. \$6,500 - Supplies (promotional materials and food costs for events, developing and printing)



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- resource guide, property etching materials)
5. \$10,000 - Program Evaluation (required)

Seeding \$87,500

1. \$53,803 - Personnel (Site Coordinator)
2. \$3,500 - Travel (for Site Coordinator)
3. \$30,197 - Safe Havens (subcontracts)

RESOLUTION NO. 20050901-

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 for \$175,000 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office, Operation Weed and Seed, for the Central East Austin Weed and Seed program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for U.S. grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$175,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office, Operation Weed and Seed, for the Central East Austin Weed and Seed program; 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 U.S. Department of Justice funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the U.S. Department of Justice 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 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office, Operation Weed and Seed in the amount of \$175,000.

ADOPTED: September 1, 2005 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk