

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	<b>Item ID</b>	27225	<b>Agenda Number</b>	53.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	9/26/2013	<b>Department:</b>	Austin Police Department
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**Subject**

Approve an ordinance authorizing accepting \$26,779 in additional grant funds from the Downtown Austin Alliance; and amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20120910-001) to appropriate an additional \$26,779 for the Downtown Ranger Program.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$26,779 is available from the Downtown Austin Alliance. A match is not required. The program period is from May 1, 2013 - April 30, 2014.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	Council last took action on this during the May 24, 2012 meeting (item 41)
<b>For More Information:</b>	Raul Munguia, Chief of Staff   974-5030
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

This ordinance will accept \$26,779 in additional funding, for a total of \$652,779, from the Downtown Austin Alliance and will amend the FY 2012-2013 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund to appropriate these funds for the program entitled Downtown Ranger Program.

Funding from the Downtown Austin Alliance will be used to continue an effective tool in addressing public order issues and making the downtown area safer for citizens and visitors. Downtown Rangers are civilian employees that assist in walking and bicycle patrol. The Austin Police Department (APD) Downtown Area Command manages the Ranger Program. This Council action accepts funding for 13 full time equivalent (FTE) positions. Funding for these FTE positions covers salary, fringe benefits and all related equipment such as a police bicycle and radio. The Downtown Ranger Program has been successful in providing part-time job opportunities to future APD cadets awaiting the APD Training Academy. This aspect of the program strengthens APD's recruitment efforts.