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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	30262	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	2/13/2014	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance accepting \$5,068 in additional grant funds from the Capital Area Food Bank; and amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20130909-001) to appropriate an additional \$5,068 for the Kid's Café® program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the Capital Area Food Bank. The grant period is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. A City match is not required

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Kids Cafe was started by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Coastal Georgia in 1989. And in 1993, Feeding America launched the national Kids Cafe program. Today there are more than 1,500 Kids Cafes in operation throughout the United States.

The mission of the Kids Cafe Program is to help alleviate child hunger in America through the provision of nutritious meals served to children at-risk of hunger in safe, accessible sites. The Kids Cafe Program also includes nutrition education and enrichment activities.

The City of Austin, Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) currently offers the Kids Cafe program at the Montopolis Recreation Center and the Dove Springs Recreation Center. The Kids Cafe Program is established in

communities where more than 51% of the children are eligible for free or reduced priced breakfast and lunch.

The purpose of this request is to allow the department to establish a new Kids Cafe Program site at the Turner Roberts Recreation Center, which serves the Colony Loop Community. The department currently proposes serving approximately 50 hot, nutritious meals per day, four days a week of the current academic year and the beginning of the next academic year (September 30, 2014).

Kids Cafe®, a program of Feeding America, provides free, nutritious evening meals to low-income children through a variety of existing community locations where children congregate. These locations include but are not limited to Boys and Girls Clubs, housing authorities, churches, and public schools. In addition to providing meals to kids, all Kids Cafe programs also offer educational, recreational, and social activities in a safe place under the supervision of adults.