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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	36258	Agenda Number	52.
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Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and the Austin Independent School District for the ACE Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program to be offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala Elementary Schools.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding for the AISD Reading Intervention Program is annually allocated through the general fund 1000-8600-5101 and is expected to be \$100,000 in FY 2015.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 26, 2013- Council approved the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District.
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Additional Backup Information

Recognizing the importance of early intervention to improve the reading and writing skills of Austin's youth, on September 26, 2013, the City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District that would support the ACE Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools.

"ACE: A Community for Education", is offered through the University of Texas at Austin's Charles A. Dana Center, and places highly trained AmeriCorps tutors into 24 AISD Title I elementary schools to ensure that children advance to grade level in reading before the third grade. These ACE tutors provide intensive, daily, bilingual, reading tutoring to over 2,000 K-2nd grade students in AISD.

Since the Council's approval, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has partnered with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) and has provided an allocation of \$100,000 to sustain the reading intervention/tutoring program. Moreover, provisions for PARD's continued annual support of the program are

included in the FY 2014-15 proposed budget.

PARD funding supported the K-2nd grade ACE Reading Tutoring Intervention Program offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools and served 419 AISD students, of which 86% were on track to reach end-of-year benchmarks in critical reading skills.

The funding, provided by the City of Austin, will be allocated in the following manner:

- Allison Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring
- Brooke Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring
- Govalle Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring
- Metz Elementary School - \$30,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring
- Ortega Elementary School – \$14,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring
- Zavala Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring

In exchange for these funds, AISD will:

- Waive rental fees associated with the City's use of AISD facilities for the City's Creativity Club After-School Program;
- Waive rental fees associated with the City's use of an AISD stadium for a City-sponsored track meet;
- Waive rental fees associated with the City's use of AISD auditoriums, gymnasiums, classrooms, or fields during the agreement; and
- Waive rental fees associated with the City's use of the Austin High Tennis Center for public play before 9:00 am (weekdays) during AISD's 2014-2015 School Year.