

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	45866	Agenda Number	16.
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Meeting Date:	6/4/2015	Department:	Human Resources
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Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an agreement between the Quality of Life Foundation and the City for job placement and training services and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Human Resources Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to accept and appropriate \$25,500 in grant funds from the Quality of Life Foundation for the Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program to provide paid internships for Austin area youth.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$25,500 is available from the Quality of Life Foundation. A City match is not required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Emerging Leader Summer Internship Program (ELSIP) is a program that offers internship opportunities to youth, ages 15-18. The Youth & Family Services Division located within the Human Resources Department is partnering with the Quality of Life Foundation to implement the ELSIP program. These funds provided by the Foundation will be used to employ the youth. The Human Resources Department will provide the workforce training necessary to prepare the students to enter the workforce.

Program Background

The ELSIP is an initiative from Bank of America in agreement with the United States (U.S.) Conference of Mayors. Bank of America provides funds to cities to create summer youth employment opportunities. National teen unemployment rates continue to hover around 24%. Rates are higher in many states and for certain demographic

groups.

The ELSIP leverages funding to place low-to-moderate-income teens in summer jobs. This program helps to fill funding gaps and meet a critical need for summer youth employment with the goal of strengthening our communities. The program provides productive summer engagement and learning opportunities for at-risk teens, including a work experience that can set them on a course towards lifetime economic self-sufficiency.

At the end of this program, the youth will have:

- learned how to work in a professional environment;
- learned how to manage their money through a financial presentation provided during training;
- participated in two field trips to learn about government; and
- participated in a Culminating Ceremony where they give a verbal report on their work.

Agreement

The City was contacted by Bank of America based upon the City's membership in the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The City was then matched with the Quality of Life Foundation. The Foundation applied for funding, and through the agreement to be executed between the City and the Foundation, funding will be distributed to the City, and the City will then implement the ELSIP.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, the Human Resources Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.