

CITY OF AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks and Recreation Board

August 25, 2015



Interlocal Agreement

- Each party represents and warrants that in the performance of its respective obligations as set forth in the Agreement, it is carrying out a duly authorized governmental function, which it is authorized to perform individually under the applicable statutes of the State of Texas and/or its charter.
- AISD represents that the amount of compensation to be made to it under the Agreement will fairly compensate it for the services or functions contained in the agreement.
- Each governing body must approve the negotiation and execution of the agreement.

Background

- City of Austin recognizes the importance of early intervention to improve the reading and writing skills of Austin's youth.
- City of Austin supports the fundamental concept of "ACE: A Community for Education":
 - Kindergarten - 2nd grade Reading Tutoring Intervention Program offered through the University of Texas Dana Center.
 - Research-based, data-driven early reading intervention program which places highly trained AmeriCorps tutors in low-income schools.
 - Program mission is to ensure that Kindergarten through second grade students advance to grade level before third grade.
 - Provides bilingual early literacy tutoring and instruction support for approximately 2,000 AISD students.

Background



“ACE: A Community for Education” (cont’d.)

- On average, 70%-75% of ACE tutored students advance to grade level benchmarks in reading by the end of the school year.
- For the 2014-2015 school year, ACE served 24 elementary schools at an annual cost of \$690,000 of which the City provided \$100,000 that focused specifically on the elementary schools in the Eastside Vertical Team.

City of Austin Services and Deliverables

For school year 2015-16, City will provide \$100,000 in funding at program year end to AISD to be allocated in the following manner to Eastside Vertical Team elementary schools:

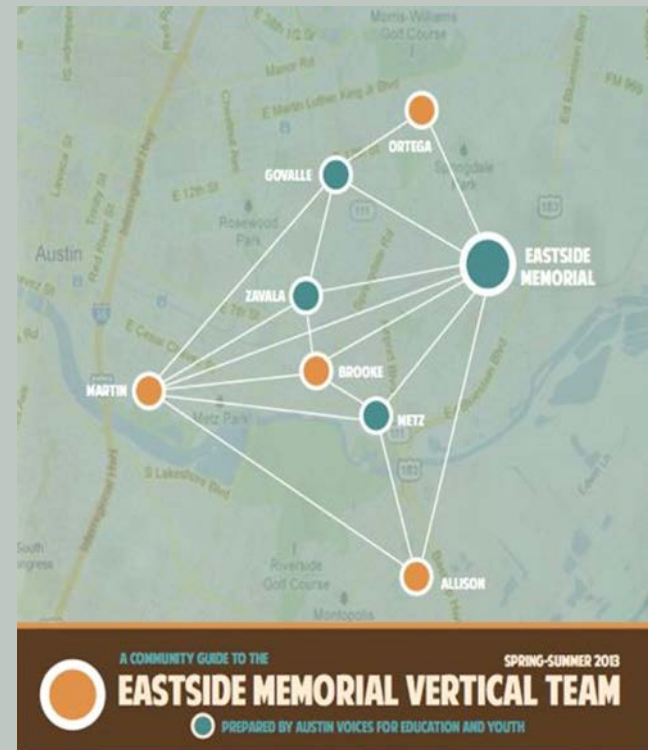
- Allison Elementary School - \$10,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring.
- Brooke Elementary School - \$10,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring.
- Govalle Elementary School - \$10,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring.
- Metz Elementary School - \$50,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring.
- Ortega Elementary School – \$10,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring.
- Zavala Elementary School - \$10,000 to partially fund ACE Tutoring.



AISD Services and Deliverables

Services:

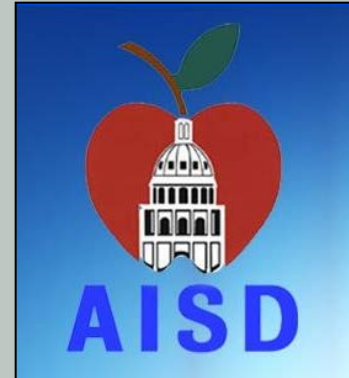
- Target Population: Students at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools grades kindergarten through second grade.
- Objective/Strategy: Assist students in developing language and reading skills.
- ACE program will be administered and be made available to at least 420 students attending the aforementioned elementary schools.



AISD Services and Deliverables (cont'd.)

Fee Waivers

- AISD will waive rental fees associated with the CITY use of AISD facilities for the term of this agreement associated with the CITY's **Creativity Club After-School Program**, at no less than three (3) AISD locations for the duration of this Agreement.
- AISD will waive rental fees associated with the CITY's use of a mutually agreed upon AISD stadium for the purpose of hosting an annual one day CITY-sponsored regional track meet at a mutually agreed upon date for the duration of this Agreement.
- AISD will waive rental fees associated with auditorium; gymnasium, classroom or field use for a CITY public purpose as requested by the CITY throughout the duration of this agreement. Requests for classrooms or fields will be mutually agreed upon by AISD and the CITY.
- AISD will waive rental fees associated with CITY's use of the Austin High Tennis Center to allow public play weekdays until 9:00 a.m. during the 2014-2015 AISD school year.



AISD Services and Deliverables (cont'd.)

Post-Program Report

- In June of 2015, AISD provided the CITY the required post-program report that assessed program success, identified issues and recommended changes to improve the program for the next mentoring year.
- The report indicated that:
 1. Program served approximately 374 students;
 2. 93% of the students served were economically disadvantaged;
 3. 71% of the students served reached end-of-year grade level benchmarks;
 4. An additional 93 students were making good progress and were on track to meet grade level benchmarks; and
 5. Instruction was provided by ACE tutors, who are full-time Americorps Members, working 40+ hours/week in their assigned schools from September through June.



Agreement Terms and Conditions



- Term:

- October 1- September 30, 2016
- 1 one-year extension remaining
- Dependent on funding availability in the City of Austin budget to support the program

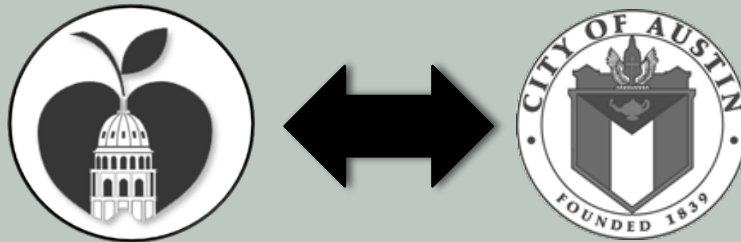
- Monitoring:

AISD will establish monthly communication with the assigned City contract manager via email to verify program operation and student participation. Monthly communications will identify any potential problems and recommended solutions.

REQUESTED COMMITTEE ACTION

Recommendation:

Board make a recommendation to Austin City Council to authorize the negotiation and execution of an amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Austin and Austin Independent School District for support of the Ace Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program to be offered at Allison, Brooke, Metz, Govalle, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools.



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

THANK YOU!

