

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 49692 Agenda Number 47.

Meeting Date: 9/17/2015 Department: Austin Police Department

Subject

Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$47,916 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, State Criminal Justice Planning Fund and amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate \$47,916 for the Austin Police Department's APD Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Project. Related to Item #48.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$47,916 is available in a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund. A match is not required. Grant Period: September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016.

Fiscal Note	
A fiscal note is attached	
Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	49693

Additional Backup Information

This ordinance will accept \$47,916 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, State Criminal Justice Planning Fund and amend the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20140908-001) to appropriate funds for the Austin Police Department's APD Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Project.

State Criminal Justice Planning Funds will allow the City to:

- Purchase project supplies (\$3,120)
- Send officer and civilian juvenile justice staff to in- and out-of-state training (\$12,396)
- Lease two 15-passenger vans to transport youth to and from project activities (\$22,800)
- Lease a truck to transport the project equipment/supply trailer to and from planned activities (\$9,600)

This program's goal is to provide diversion and job training programs led by police officers for approximately 9,000 Austin youth that are involved in, or considered at-risk of involvement with the juvenile and criminal justice systems and/or gang affiliation or membership. The project is operational four days per week, 52 weeks a year, and includes a three-week, 40 hours per week camp. Youth-participants create art and trade-specific projects, complete physical fitness activities while learning life skills, and receive education and guidance from program staff. All planned activities focus on reducing or eliminating negative performance indicators and juvenile involvement in the criminal justice system through the implementation of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention model programs for diversion and delinquency prevention, such as the Big Brothers Big Sisters Community-Based Mentoring Program, and the Gang Resistance Education and Awareness Training.

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