

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	53060	Agenda Number	23.
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Meeting Date:	12/17/2015	Department:	Human Resources
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District to continue the Austin Corps program, with four 12-month extension options.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

For More Information: Dr. Chiquita Eugene, City Wide Youth & Family Services/Youth Initiatives Administrator, 512-530-3335

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The **Austin Corps Program** was organized in September 2010 at the request of the AISD Superintendent and the City of Austin Mayor as a civic engagement program for seniors enrolled in government classes at Akins and Crockett High Schools. The program was established to provide high school students an opportunity to become involved in local government. The students work as interns at City of Austin workplaces learning how to turn classroom experience into real-life experience at a municipality.

The Austin Corps program has expanded since beginning operation in 2010. When the program began there were approximately 12 students who came from the two schools. Currently, 30 students represent five schools. The five AISD high schools are Akins, Austin, Crockett, Reagan, and Travis. Students participate from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday throughout the school year.

The Career and Technical Education Division of AISD coordinates with the City of Austin's Human Resources Department, Youth and Family Services Office, to ensure students receive class and school credit for participation. The Transportation Division of AISD provides the transportation for students enrolled in the program. This inter-local agreement continues a long standing agreement to provide seniors with an opportunity to earn school credit while working in local government. This interlocal is for the exchange of services only and is revenue neutral.