

A G E N D A



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	60629	Agenda Number	26.
Meeting Date:	8/4/2016		Department:	Parks and Recreation	
Subject					
Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District for A Community for Education Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program to be offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is included in the FY 2016-17 Proposed Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding is contingent upon inclusion in the budget to be adopted by Council, scheduled for September 12-14.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	January 31, 2013 – City Council approved the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District for the ACE program (formerly called the Metz HOST Program). September 26, 2013 – City Council approved the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for the ACE program (formerly called the Metz HOST Program). September 25, 2014 – City Council approved the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District for the ACE program. September 17, 2015 – City Council approved the negotiation and execution of Amendment 1 to the interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School district to extend the agreement for one year.				
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	July 26, 2016 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board 7-0-0-4 with Board Members Alter, Casias, Cofer, and Vane absent.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
Recognizing the importance of early intervention to improve the reading and writing skills of Austin’s youth, the Department has managed an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the administration of the <i>Help One Student to Succeed Program</i> offered at AISD Metz Elementary School (Metz HOST Agreement). The Metz HOST program continued intact until AISD, in partnership with the University of Texas, implemented the A Community for Education (ACE) Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program for elementary school students in specific AISD schools. Subsequently, AISD requested the City of Austin support the ACE Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program in lieu of the Metz HOST program.					

On September 25, 2014, City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District to provide City of Austin support to the ACE Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools. On September 17, 2015, City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of Amendment 1 to the interlocal agreement to provide continued support to the tutoring program.

“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 26 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 throughout AISD.

With the Council’s approval, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) provided an annual allocation of \$100,000 to sustain the ACE Reading and Tutoring Intervention program for K-2nd elementary students in specific AISD schools. PARD’s continued annual support of the program is included in the FY 17 proposed budget.

In school year 2015-16, the ACE Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools served 402 AISD students, of which 67% reached end-of-year benchmarks in critical reading skills.

If approved, the amendment will authorize payment of \$100,000 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

During the term of the agreement AISD will provide facility use and various services to PARD that are equal or greater in value to the City’s \$100,000 program support to include but not be limited to:

- waiving rental fees associated with the City’s use of AISD facilities for the City’s Creativity Club After-School Program; and
- waiving rental fees associated with the City’s use of AISD auditoriums, gymnasiums, classrooms, or fields.

The City Council’s approval for the negotiation and execution of Amendment 2 will allow PARD to exercise the final option of two one-year extension options provided in the agreement.