

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, for parents of young children, safe and consistent childcare is a critical component of seeking and maintaining employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Passages Program provides full time case management to assist families with housing, employment, job training, education, childcare, counseling, legal issues, and many other needs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 new federal guidelines eliminated childcare assistance for families receiving support through the Passages Program; and

**WHEREAS**, at the recommendation of the Early Childhood Council, City Council approved Resolution No. 20160211-018 and a subsequent budget measure that provided \$160,000 so that families in the Passages Program would not experience a disruption in childcare services; and

**WHEREAS**, this \$160,000 was allocated as a one-time grant that - absent Council action - will expire on September 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin funding has enabled 74 children from emergency shelters operated by The Salvation Army, Foundation for the Homeless, and SAFE Alliance to attend licensed Texas Rising Star-rated childcare centers in the Austin community; and

**WHEREAS**, if funding is not allocated for the Passages Program, families will experience a lack of continuity in their care plan, which could result in parents leaving the job training program due to their inability to find affordable childcare;

**NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL:**

The City Manager is directed to identify ongoing funding in the amount of \$160,000 for childcare services for Passages Program participants and to incorporate this funding into the budget recommendations that come forward for Council consideration in July 2017.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk